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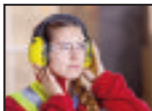
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It's time for the talking newspaper service to say: 'That's all folks'



David Philpot (chairman) middle of the front row with listeners John Morgan to David's left on the photo and Geoff Hockridge to the right.

IT was an evening of fellowship tinged with sadness at a farewell meal at the Atlantic Hotel, Porthcawl as team readers and listeners of Ogwr Talking Newspapers Association (OTNA) marked the closing of the service that had run for over 40 years.

Six rotating teams of four readers had brought the news to life weekly for those with sight problems and had kept them abreast of news from local newspapers - initially via reel-to-reel tape and subsequently through cassette tape and, more recently, with compact discs.

Over the years they kept abreast of technology - recording and duplicating equipment was purchased accordingly - and each week, the dedicated teams would first record over an hour's worth of news items and then mass-duplicate their readings and send individual copies to their listeners.

Ogwr Talking Newspapers (originally Mid Glamorgan Talking Newspapers) was founded in 1976 when David Philpot, his late

wife Nancy, and Cliff Lamburn arranged an inaugural meeting with interested parties and - with no experience, funding or equipment other than an ordinary domestic tape recorder - the scene was set for the 40 years of service that followed.

At one time, OTNA had up to 300 people in the area receiving tapes but more recently it had been noticed that numbers were gradually falling and the decision was made to curtail the service.

It was fitting that the last team to read was David's. After all, he had been there at the beginning of the association and had seen it through to the end. A toast was raised to David on the evening and there was much reminiscing by the teams, and some of their listeners, who had come to know the voices that had dropped into their houses on a weekly basis.

The association is aware that there may be many local people who have benefited from the service, and wishes them well in the future. So, for now, as some of the teams would say as they signed off, "That's all for now, folks, thank you and goodbye."

Ivor Williams

Dealer jailed for four years

A BRIDGEND drug dealer has been jailed for four years after officers found thousands of pounds worth of drugs in his house.

Christopher Lloyd, aged 31, pleaded guilty to possession with intent to supply a class A drug - heroin, possession with intent to supply a class B drug - cannabis and using/possessing/acquiring criminal property.

He was sentenced to four years imprisonment at Cardiff Crown Court on Wednesday, June 5.

The court heard that officers were out on



was stopped by officers and smelled strongly of cannabis.

On searching him, they found two pots in his trouser pockets which contained cannabis.

A search of Lloyd's property found two wraps of heroin totalling 6.75 grammes and a total of 409 grammes of cannabis.

The amount of cannabis found was estimated to have a potential street value of £4,090.

They also found multiple bundles of cash in the property which totalled up to £7,358.

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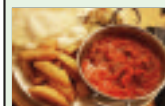
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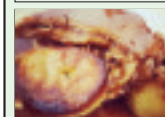
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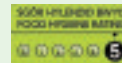
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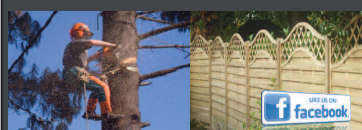
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Bridgend Mayoral re-run brings about same result – councillor says dumping of last year's deputy mayor has 'never been done before'

BRIDGEND Town Council has appointed the same mayor and deputy mayor as it did two weeks ago after an election re-run took place over issues involving the use of the secret ballot voting method.

As a result of the validity of the election process being questioned, both councillors had their roles taken away just days after being appointed.

While the voting method is one the town council has frequently used in the past, Cllr Stuart Baldwin, the current BCBC Mayor, questioned its use, highlighting that the standing orders did not include any reference for allowing a secret ballot to be



Bridgend Town Council Mayor Alan Wathan.
Photos by Bridgend Town Council.

conducted. Following legal advice, the town council clerk decided to annul the election, and the previous mayor, Paul Warren (independent), who had resigned as a councillor at the May meeting,

remained as a councillor, and also stayed as mayor. Mr Warren sent his apologies and didn't attend the extraordinary meeting on Tuesday, June 4, to re-run the election using the voting method of a "show of hands".

The minutes from the May meeting recorded the fact he was "strongly against" the decision to choose someone other than the deputy mayor to be mayor.

At Tuesday's meeting the deputy mayor Angela Morelli (Labour) lost out on becoming the new mayor by a single vote with Alan Wathan (Independent) taking on the role.

The deputy mayor election was even closer and a tie forced the newly-elected mayor to use his casting vote.

He chose fellow independent councillor Steven Bletsoe, rather than Conservative Cllr Matthew Voisey.

At the meeting, the mayor appointed Marlene Wathan as his consort, and the deputy mayor appointed Freya Bletsoe, who is also a Bridgend town councillor, as his consort.

Michael Prosser



Bridgend Town Council Deputy Mayor Steven Bletsoe and his consort Freya Bletsoe.

Speaking after the meeting, Cllr Baldwin said: "Contrary to what people think about it being political, the decision has now been taken in line, correctly, with standing orders and therefore can not be contested."

"However, what they have done is broken custom and practice in electing someone who was not deputy mayor."

"This has never been done before as far as I am aware."

He added: "Secret ballots are not good for democracy because everybody should know how their elected member votes."

Cllr Baldwin said when he was elected to be town council mayor a couple of years ago through a secret ballot, the voting method was still included in standing orders – they were only excluded in the new standing orders adopted in May 2018.

He dismissed accusations of nepotism that have been made on social media – his second cousin, Cllr Morelli, was the deputy mayor, and he nominated her for mayor.

He pointed out the number of married

couples that have been part of the town council both now and in the past, adding: "The nepotism charge is a complete and utter sideshow."

"I don't know how it can be nepotism considering the electorate dictates who gets elected."

Due to the annulment of the mayor appointment at the May meeting, all of the decisions taken at that meeting had to be taken again on Tuesday.

However, councillors refused to ratify the minutes for part of a finance committee meeting that had taken place before the new mayor and deputy mayor were stripped of their appointments.

It involved approving the travel and hotel costs for both the mayor and his consort, and the deputy mayor and his consort, to visit the French town of Villeneuve d'Ornon as part of the town twinning 25th anniversary celebrations in September.

It means the finance committee will have to meet again to discuss who should attend the event from the town council.

Liz Bradfield
Local democracy reporter

New Welsh-medium provision for local children with autism

BRIDGEND County Borough Council (BCBC) is expanding its support for children who have a diagnosis of autistic spectrum disorder (ASD).

A specialist learning facility will be established later this year at the Welsh-medium primary school, Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Calon y Cymoedd, in Betws.

The new provision will enable Welsh-speaking children who have a diagnosis of ASD to remain at a Welsh-medium primary school before moving on to their local Welsh-medium secondary school at Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Llangynwyd, where specialist facilities were created last year.

English-medium provision is already available at Pencoed Primary School and Maesteg School.

The new learning resource centre at Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Calon y Cymoedd could open as soon as September 2019, and will cater for a maximum of eight pupils.

Cllr Charles Smith, the council's cabinet member for education and regeneration, said: "I'm very pleased that we can now confirm the plans for Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Calon y Cymoedd following the completion of a formal consultation process and the subsequent publication of a public

notice. No objections were received and there has been widespread support for the idea.

"Having set up a Welsh-medium learning resource centre at Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Llangynwyd, the next logical step is to create similar specialist provision at one of the Welsh-medium partner primary schools. Due to its central location in the county borough, the new Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Calon y Cymoedd is ideally placed for this.

"The new learning resource centre will be an integrated part of the mainstream school, providing an environment in which pupils can develop and thrive within their peer group and have normal access to the mainstream curriculum when appropriate."

BCBC cabinet members have also agreed to cease the nurture provision which had been provided at Betws Primary School. The four pupils who have been attending the nurture provision will either reintegrate back into their mainstream schools so that they can be taught as close to home as possible, or move to The Bridge Alternative Provision at the Bryncethin Campus.

In future, pupils requiring this additional support will be referred for placement at The Bridge Alternative Provision.

Choose a sustainable style by recycling your old clothes

IF you're revamping your wardrobe for a fresh new look this summer, avoid the faux pas of binning your old clothes – recycle them instead!

As an estimated 300,000 tonnes of used clothing goes into landfill in the UK every year, Bridgend county borough residents are being reminded that they can choose a more sustainable style.

If you have a few items of clothing to recycle, simply pop them in a carrier bag

and place it next to your other recycling containers ready for your weekly collection. However, if you have more than a bag's worth, take your old clothing to your nearest community recycling centre in Maesteg, Brynmynor or Tythegston.

Cllr Hywel Williams, the council's deputy leader said: "Even the worst worn items in

your wardrobe don't deserve landfill so please either recycle or re-use them. As well as it being possible to recycle textiles in your kerbside collections, you can also put out paired shoes too."

To find out more about what you can and can't recycle in Bridgend County Borough, visit www.walesforbridgend.org.

HIGH TIDE TIMES (UNTIL JUNE 20)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary.

For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20-25 minutes later.

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15 Sat	05.42	9.2	18.08	9.2
16 Sun	06.33	9.3	18.54	9.4
17 Mon	07.17	9.5	19.37	9.7
18 Tues	07.57	9.6	20.19	9.5
19 Wed	08.38	9.4	20.57	9.3
20 Thur	09.14	9.2	21.33	9.1

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Old power station site could be converted to burn waste – but don't call it an incinerator!

PLANS for a biomass plant on the site of the old Llynfi Power Station have been resurrected – but rather than using clean woodchip, the company behind the renewed project wants to use waste.

The biomass plant near Llangwynyd, Maesteg, received planning permission from Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) in 2011.

However, it was never built due to government biomass subsidies ending and the project no longer being financially viable, according to the director of the firm which now wants to acquire the site from Morgan Credit Energy Wales to build "a modern energy from waste facility".

Davender Meseck, director of DMG Ecological Energy, said future plans for the site involve vertical farms – where crops are grown commercially in multiple layers or levels – and a visitor centre.

Residents in Shwt who live a few hundred yards from the site say it has yet to be cleaned up following a large fire in 2016 when a huge pile of woodchip burned for almost two weeks.

Recalling the "awful toxic fumes" which caused

them to choke while the fire burned, they now fear what the change in fuel will mean for the area, referring to the new project as a waste incinerator.

Elaine Groves said she only found out about the new plans after a local councillor visited.

She said: "There has been no public notice on the change in plans, only a site notice."

"What environmental impact will this have, and what effect on people's health?"

Another local resident, Michael Horriagan raised concerns over the increased traffic on the A4063 Bridgend to Maesteg road.

He said: "BCBC has just given permission for 450 houses to be built in Tondy – this traffic plus the lorries delivering to the site are going to come on this road."

"It's unbelievable, we have had so many bad accidents on the road already."

Planners at BCBC have said the proposal does not require an environmental impact assessment, saying it is not likely to have significant effects on the environment.

Speaking to the Local Democracy Reporting Service, Mr Meseck said: "The planning permission

is already in place – we are not asking for any changes other than a change of fuel."

"It's not an incinerator, it's using a thermal combustion process."

"The process is monitored 24 hours a day by Natural Resources Wales for emissions – we are planning to get as close to zero emissions as possible."

He said using wood in the process was now regarded as being harmful to the environment due to the need for importing it.

He said: "The request to change to refuse derived fuel (RDF) is to enable us to keep out material which would otherwise go into landfill, and use that to provide the heat to generate the steam for a turbine to produce 25MW of electricity for export into the grid network."

RDF is a fuel produced from various types of waste such as municipal solid waste (black bag rubbish), industrial waste or commercial waste.

The planning application states it would be delivered in wrapped bales which would reduce the fire risk.

Due to the original planning permission being in place, the application currently lodged with BCBC only involves a change of one of the planning conditions relating to the change of fuel.

However, Mr Meseck said there are more plans for the site.

He said: "We are working with our partners, the Clever Green Portal Company, to capture the carbon dioxide that would have been released out of the combustion process and put that into vertical farms on the Llynfi site."

"Vertical farming is a concept in Asia and parts of the UK which is exactly the same as growing tomatoes in a green house but where you're growing them in large domes instead."

"We are going to start speaking to Cardiff University and Swansea University to see if they want to put a campus there so they can watch how things work."

"We want to get people involved and have a visitor centre on site."

With regards to the concerns voiced by local residents over increased traffic, he said: "The planning permission was for 52 vehicle movements a day. The only thing we are being asked to do is to put a roundabout in to enable speed reduction on that road."

"People need to understand the planning permission has been granted, we are just asking for a change of fuel type."

He added that an 85m chimney stack that was granted in the original planning permission would now be 30m due to the change in fuel.

Ward councillor Martyn Jones said he had been trying to organise a public meeting on the plans but had experienced "difficulty".

He said: "If the developer and planning officers are minded to create a waste disposal unit in close proximity to communities then the least they can do is meet with the community and explain their plans, especially when this site has a history of multiple planning applications and of a fire that took nearly two weeks to extinguish."

Mr Meseck said he had recently met a local Assembly Member and MP, adding: "I'm quite happy to have a conversation with any resident or have a meeting with people but it cannot be classed as a public consultation as it's not a requirement for the condition we are asking to be relaxed."

"Ultimately, my business has invested time and money in this for 12 months."

"If there is resistance we will just walk away from this, we have other projects."

"We believe the Llynfi site is a great opportunity – it needs to have something done with it, it's an eyesore currently."

The application requesting a change in fuel type is P/19/275/RLX while the original application granted permission is P/11/21/FUL.

Liz Bradfield
Local democracy reporter

Coming soon? The BCBC channel

BRIDGEND County Borough Council (BCBC) is looking at webcasting all its council meetings in a move to increase engagement among residents.

Currently around 12 meetings throughout the year are webcast, due to a year-long contract with an external company which provides 30 hours of council, cabinet and committee meetings.

BCBC's chief executive Mark Shephard said it was "a council ambition" to webcast every meeting but warned it would cost more.

Speaking at a BCBC meeting on communications and engagement, Mr Shephard said: "There are a few things we need to look at before."

"We can only webcast from this chamber and I think from a scrutiny perspective it's not necessarily great."

"I think it's better around a table as it encourages greater debate and conversation."

"The other thing where we would need to be careful is that we are not digitally excluding people."

He added: "Historically, in

a number of cases, the viewing figures aren't great, although there are some exceptions."

"But it is an ambition to get to a point where all meetings are webcast."

Cllr Jon-Paul Blundell pointed out that being able to watch meetings online would provide an opportunity for more engagement with the chance to post links on social media.

The overview and scrutiny committee meeting took place on Monday, June 2.

Liz Bradfield
Local democracy reporter



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Busy month concludes with the annual concert of Cantorion Coety



IT has been a very busy June for Cantorian Coety, leading up to the choir's annual concert tomorrow (Friday).

The choir has already appeared at two performances in the dome of the Botanical Gardens of Wales, Llanarthne, where special weekend events were taking place.

The focus has been the annual concert at Tabernacl, Derwen Road, Bridgend, at 7pm on Friday, June 14.

Appearing with Cantorian Coety at the event will be the 2019 Urdd Eisteddfod winner, tenor Rhyddian Jenkins, together with the Ogmere Vale Male Voice Choir under the baton of Eira Paskin, who is also the musical director of

Cantorion Coety. Tickets for the event are available through choir members or at the door.

Two other concerts have taken place in June, when Cantorian Coety appeared in Porthcawl, at the All Saints Church Flower Festival on June 8, and later the same day there was a performance at the 'Choirs at the Castle' festival in Coity.

For all members it has been a busy time, but very rewarding. Every chorister is grateful for the support and commitment of the music team, musical director, Eira Paskin and accompanist, Gareth Waite.

Alun Roberts Jones

Rate of children being taken into care is slowing in Bridgend county

BRIDGEND County Borough Council (BCBC) has set its own target to reduce the number of children in care over the next three years as part of a national focus on looked-after children.

As a result of the First Minister's manifesto commitment to support looked-after children, the Welsh Government has been working with each local authority to set targets on reducing the need for children to enter care.

Figures from March 2018 show there were just over 6,400 looked-after children in Wales – an eight per cent increase on the previous year.

Over the past 15 years, the number of looked-after children has increased by 34 per cent.

Sue Cooper, director of social services at BCBC, told councillors at a recent meeting the number of children in care in Bridgend county borough had slowly been coming down, in contrast to other local authorities in Wales.

She said the council wanted to avoid setting an annual target but hoped to have 10 fewer children in care in three years' time.

As of March 2019, there were 381 children in care, down from 412 five years ago.

Ms Cooper said: "Welsh Government has been very clear they want to work in partnership with councils.

"I was a little bit concerned they might impose targets on us which would have been very problematic, not only for us but for every local authority in Wales. We are committed as corporate parents to make sure that children are kept safe."

However, she told councillors the approach undertaken involves the government and councils working together to produce "realistic and bespoke reduction expectation plans" which focus on "safely reducing the numbers of children in care while continuing to improve outcomes for those already in or leaving care".

She said: "We have indicated what we feel would be a fairly sensible reduction for us in Bridgend."

"We are not being pushed. We are being cautious, we are trying to take a sensible evidence-based approach."

"The numbers in Bridgend are currently stable. We also have quite low numbers out of county and very low numbers out of Wales."

Council leader Huw David said the reduction of a third in the average numbers of children becoming looked after was "a remarkable turnaround" and "a big achievement".

The average number of children becoming looked after in 2018-19 was 7.7 compared to 12.2 in 2013-14.

BCBC's corporate parenting committee met on Wednesday, May 29.

Liz Bradfield
local democracy reporter

Bridgend drug dealer is jailed for four years

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Detective Inspector Sarah Trigg said: "Drugs continue to blight our local communities and we want to make it clear that the use and supply of controlled drugs in Bridgend will not be tolerated. We will stop, search and disrupt those who do deal drugs at every given opportunity."

"This result is thanks to the efforts

of officers from Bridgend's neighbourhood policing team and Bridgend's organised crime unit.

"We will act on all information received by members of the community and I would urge those with concerns about drug supply to call us on 101 or call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111."

Bridgend Quiz League

HERE are this week's teasers from the Bridgend Quiz League:

1. What is the unit of currency in Vietnam?
2. Which Welsh football club is based at

the Kymco Stadium? 3. Who writes novels about the detective Cormoran Strike?

If you are interested in joining the League, visit bridgendquiz.com.

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Council 'blamed for everything' says councillor

A COUNTY councillor in Bridgend wants the local authority to record the real reasons behind public dissatisfaction against it, and said the council is "not responsible for everything that goes wrong".

Cllr Martyn Jones, who represents Labour and is the Bettws ward councillor, said it was important to capture data around dissatisfaction so it could be used when monitoring contracts for companies or when working with the police to improve services.

Speaking at a recent Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) scrutiny committee meeting on communication and engagement, he said: "I get a little bit annoyed when people out there assume this council is responsible for everything that goes wrong."

"From litter bins not being collected by a contractor, vehicles causing obstruction on the highway, to antisocial behaviour – it's always BCBC. People don't get that sometimes services have been procured out – they just see the lorry has BCBC branding on it."

"We are not responsible for all the ills that are out there; we are part of the problem, but we don't have sole responsibility for the problem. I think

that those who do have responsibility are probably getting away with it."

He said the public were sometimes being wrongly advised to call the council.

He said: "I have personal experiences of dealing with major contractors in this authority who are very keen to signpost complainants who are dissatisfied with the service to this authority."

"During the contract monitoring process, we need to sit down with them and say: 'We have received a number of dissatisfied customers last month – is there a thematic problem in these areas, do you have problems with members of your team in these areas?'"

"We need to look at the trends in what police and community support officers are advising the public to do. If there is a trend in relation to vehicle issues, we need to go to the police and crime commissioner and say 'Let's work together on this' because the people who are losing out are the public."

"They're becoming disoriented, disinterested and, I'm afraid, they're taking up their discontent with members of staff in this authority."

The scrutiny meeting took place on June 3.

Liz Bradfield
local democracy reporter

A day's golf can support a local youth charity

KPC Youth and Community is holding its annual Charity Golf Day on Friday, June 21, at the Grove Golf Club, Porthcawl.

Team entry for teams of four is £165 per team. Entry includes coffee on arrival, golf fees and a buffet meal following the round of golf, part of our prize presentation.

Alison Mawby of KPC said: "We still have some slots available (particularly after 12 midday) – so

this may be ideal for some Friday afternoon R&R, or the chance to get together a work team, with the bonus of knowing you'll be supporting a local charity!

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Memorial concert for woman who cared for town

A PORTHCAWL woman who established one of Trinity Church's carers services will be remembered at a concert in All Saints' Church.

On Saturday, June 29, the Swansea Bach Choir will present a memorial concert for Jacqueline Graham (right), who was one of its leading members.

Jackie, who lived in Porthcawl, was a gifted singer, happy when performing as a soloist but even happier when singing as a chorister.

While a student in London, she performed with some of the city's leading choirs and, following her return to Wales, she sang with the BBC Welsh Chorus, Cardiff Polyphonic Choir and the Swansea Bach Choir, among others.

Important as singing was in her life, her main achievement was the establishment of the Trinity Singing Service (renamed the Trinity Care Club) in Porthcawl.

She oversaw the day-to-day running of this



organisation for some 25 years, enhancing the lives of dozens of individuals and their families, aided by a team of dedicated carers.

Jackie will be remembered with great affection by members of the Care Club, so too by many teachers and students with whom she worked in schools in the area.

The concert in her memory will be at All Saints' Church Porthcawl, on Saturday, June 29, at 7.30pm and will include the Fauré Requiem, and other works which she meant a great deal to her.

New skateboard and BMX park ramps up Pencoed

AN underused former tennis court has undergone a transformation to become a popular new £59,000 skateboard and BMX park.

Located at Felindre Road in Pencoed, the design for the new skate park features a mix of ramps and 'street elements' which create an environment suitable for people of all ages and abilities.

The original site was converted after it was found to be underused and unpopular among local young people in the area.

Having already established a multi-use games area at Felindre Road, Pencoed Town Council expressed interest in taking on the site via a Community Asset Transfer in January 2017.

To support their plans, they successfully secured a £20,000 grant from the Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) 'Town and Community Council Fund' which helped meet the overall £59,000 cost of the park.

Cllr Richard Young, BCBC cabinet

member for communities, said: "It's fantastic to see the new skate park open in plenty of time for local skateboarders, BMX enthusiasts and scooter riders to enjoy over the summer months."

"The previous site was under-used and in a poor state, and ripe for reinvention. Pencoed Town Council has shown real enthusiasm for creating more facilities in Pencoed that will be welcomed by young people in the area, and I applaud the creative way in which they are achieving this through the Community Asset Transfer process."

Pencoed Town Council has confirmed that the new skateboard and BMX Park will be regularly inspected to ensure that it is kept safe and tidy.

A 2.5m high acoustic barrier has been added around the skateboard park to keep any noise disruption to a minimum, and the town council is also looking at whether the installation of additional tennis facilities at an alternative site in future would be beneficial for Pencoed.

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leagues during the summer months.

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Pencoed pavilion to be refurbished and re-opened

THE pavilion at Pencoed recreation ground is set to be refurbished, re-opened, and taken on by Pencoed Town Council.

Cabinet members from Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) have agreed that the Felindre Road pavilion, which has been closed for several months, will transfer to the town council but will undergo major repairs first.

When the pavilion suffered major storm damage in March 2018, the changing rooms were closed to sports users. The whole of the building was then put out of action when asbestos was found in the roof.

The asbestos has since been removed and the building completely decontaminated, but the pavilion remains closed due to other costly repairs being required. Now, thanks to an agreement between the two authorities, the facility will be brought back to life with the town council taking it on via a Community Asset Transfer.

Similar transfers have seen some town councils take on the management of several public toilets. BCBC has also approved the transfer of Hermon Road/Metcalf Street playing fields to Caerau FC, while Bryncethin RFC are transforming their outdated pavilion

into a community centre after they agreed a 35-year lease to manage the pavilion and playing fields in October 2018.

Funding set aside by BCBC for more Community Asset Transfers will be used to carry out the repairs on the Pencoed pavilion together with other funding that Pencoed Town Council has already secured. Once the repairs have been completed, the town council will manage the pavilion on an initial six year lease with the intention for them to be granted a longer term lease in the future.

Cllr Richard Young, BCBC's cabinet member for communities said: "The harsh reality of the current financial situation means that we need to be open to some facilities being managed differently, so we are very pleased to support Pencoed Town Council's interest in taking on the pavilion via a Community Asset Transfer."

"The pavilion has always been very well used by a number of sports clubs as well as community groups. It's really important to keep buildings like this one open as they provide so many benefits for local residents, and I believe that this arrangement is positive for all parties."

The pavilion is expected to re-open in September 2019.

THE Overview and Scrutiny Committee of Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) has voted not to ask the cabinet to reconsider a decision to remove public transport subsidies.

The vote came after residents dependent on bus services in Bridgend council urged the local authority to rethink a decision to cut its subsidies.

The BCBC cabinet voted to remove all remaining bus subsidies at a meeting in May.

However, the West Bridgend Conservative group called in the decision for further scrutiny, saying it hadn't been fully thought through.

During the scrutiny meeting on Tuesday, June 4, residents told councillors how it would affect them.

One said the local bus routes were a lifeline for the elderly, while many young people relied on it for college and employment.

A man from Pontycymer said he and his wife had no means of transport other than

the local bus, adding his wife had mobility issues and they relied on buses to get to supermarkets.

A 71-year-old woman from Llangynwyd said she used the bus every day apart from Sunday, and spoke of a 102-year-old who often caught the bus to call into town to get her hair done and get romance books from the library.

Pen-y-Fai ward councillor Altaf Hussain (Conservative) said transport was a basic human right and urged councillors not to isolate an ageing population in their homes.

Meanwhile, Maesteg West ward councillor Ross Thomas (Independent) said the decision risked disconnecting communities, saying bus services were used by residents to get to GP surgeries, schools and the town centre.

However, officers pointed out that in cases where the council had removed bus routes in the past, operators had continued to run services.

BCBC's chief executive Mark Shephard said the local authority has had to save £70m over the last nine years and needed to save another £36m over the next four years.

He also told councillors the proposal to cut bus subsidies had been approved in the medium

term financial strategy, voted through by full council in March.

Cabinet member for communities, Cllr Richard Young said ongoing cuts due to austerity meant the council was "looking down the barrel of very unpalatable decisions".

He said: "We could have cut funding to libraries or closed the bus station but at least with this decision we have the opportunity to engage with bus companies to try and mitigate the effect of the subsidy cuts on our citizens."

He added: "The truth of the matter is that the authority can no longer sustain such subsidies, especially when they are paid out to profit-making companies."

"But at this current point in time, there are only two things that will ultimately turn the situation around – an increase in sufficient funding for local government, or a greater number of people opting to use commercial public transport which will ensure that the services can remain profitable to run."

During the meeting, Labour councillor Jane Gebbie criticised the call-in by the Conservative group, calling it a waste of time and public funds, adding that councillors had every opportunity to present an alternative

budget earlier in the year.

Conservative councillor Lyn Walters denied it was "political shenanigans" and said it was about trying to understand the decision and explain it to their community.

Independent councillor Ken Watts said he had backed the call-in because he felt the decision needed further explanation, scrutiny and justification, adding he now felt comfortable with the cabinet decision to cut the bus subsidies, having heard the arguments.

Labour councillors pointed out that some bus companies were "benefiting quite substantially from public investment that's dwindling all the time".

Appealing to bus operators, Cllr Martyn Jones asked bus companies to maintain their services, even if it meant making a reduced profit overall.

At the end of the two-hour meeting, councillors overwhelmingly voted to do nothing and the cabinet decision to cut all of BCBC's remaining subsidies stands.

BCBC now has to give three months' notice to bus operators. It is not yet known whether they will continue to operate the affected routes or not.

Speaking after the meeting, Cllr Tom Giffard, Leader of the Conservative Group on BCBC, said: "Bridgend Labour councillors blamed the UK Government for having to take these difficult decisions, but now that the Welsh Government has its own tax raising and borrowing powers; if Bridgend Labour councillors feel that local government should be better funded by higher taxes and more borrowing; why aren't they calling on Cardiff Bay to do it?"

These are the bus services that are under threat:

16 (Easyway) Bridgend to Blaengarw
37 (Easyway) Maesteg Parc Estate
51 (Easyway) Bridgend to Oaklands (circular) via Bridgend Life Centre/Bridgend Library
61 (Peyton Travel) Nottage to Porthcawl
67 (First Cymru) Bridgend to Aberkenfig via Pen-y-Fai
73 (First Cymru) Bridgend to Blaengarw
76 (First Cymru) Bridgend to Bettws
803 (Easyway) Danygraig Avenue to Porthcawl.

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Bus subsidy cuts set to go ahead in Bridgend county

Cupcake Day time correction

AN advert in last week's GEM for an event at Gilgal Church, Park Avenue, Porthcawl, had an incorrect time.

The Cupcake Day to raise funds for Alzheimer's will take place tomorrow, Friday, June 14, as advertised, but it will be from 10am to 12 noon.

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Welsh Bacc students have parting gift for Sandville



Sandville's Gary Banks and Gwyneth Poacher with Bonnie Davies, Martha Thomas, Josef Hof and Sean Lake (Brendan Roberts was unavailable for the photo.) Photograph by Heather Jones.

FIVE students from Bridgend College have been volunteering at the Sandville Self Help Centre in Ton Kenfig and they had a 'going away' present for the centre on their last day.

Heather Jones said: "These students have come to Sandville on Thursday afternoons and they've cleaned the church, the education centre and the log cabin."

"They've also enjoyed hypnotherapy with Gwyneth and helped

sort the shop. They're not afraid of hard work at all, are very pleasant, great fun to be with and polite."

"They leave with a big thank you from Gwyneth and everyone at Sandville, but especially from me, as they've helped me loads."

At a surprise presentation, they handed Gwyneth £67, raised from raffle and cake sale in college.

The students, Bonnie Davies; Martha Thomas; Josef Hof; Sean Lake and Brendan Roberts, wrote a letter to all at the Sandville: "We decided to help Sandville for our

Welsh Baccalaureate community challenge.

"It is also a familiar place for two of our members Bonnie and Martha. We were intrigued by Gwyneth Poacher's outstanding efforts in continuing to provide her care and support from the day of opening, and still today."

"We hope to visit this incredible establishment again one day. We've loved every minute here and we were made most welcome. We have lots of memories to take back to college."

Sixth former Lucy's charity concert in aid of CF Trust



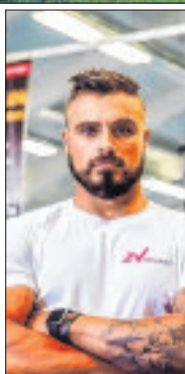
ARCHBISHOP McGrath sixth form pupil Lucy Rathkey is organising a fundraising concert for The Cystic Fibrosis Trust after her friend Richard Donnelly passed away at the age of just 25.

Lucy, a talented musician who plays alto saxophone, violin, piano, clarinet and baritone saxophone is bringing together other talented young local musicians to put on a concert in Noltan Church on Wednesday, June 19 at 7pm.

Symphonic Brass, Bridgend Music Services' young dynamic brass ensemble will give the audience a preview of the set they will play for the National Music For Youth Festival in Birmingham, where they will compete in July.

A wind quartet fresh from competing in this year's Urdd eisteddfod will perform along with a jazz trio, saxophone quartet, lower brass trio, solos, duets and a full wind orchestra. The inspirational Josh Llewellyn Jones (*above, right*) will be the evening's guest speaker.

Josh was awarded a Pride of Wales Award in 2018 for his charity work, through which he has raised over £700,000 for charity.



Born with cystic fibrosis, when he was 31 Josh broke a world record by lifting 1,000,000 kilos in under 24 hours.

There will also be a raffle on the night with prizes donated by Sony, Leekes, Welsh Netball and Gold Leaf Supplies.

Lucy said: "This is going to be a memorable night that you will not want to miss and we are honoured to have Josh Llewellyn Jones as our guest speaker. Please come along to support your local young musicians and to raise money for this worthwhile charity, there will be something for everyone."

Tickets are £5 and all proceeds will go directly to the Cystic Fibrosis Trust. Get your tickets by calling 07930 285 708 and they will also be available on the door.

Porthcawl to host climax to jet ski championships

THE international marine motorsport promoter is returning to Porthcawl to stage a weekend's jet ski racing in July at Newton Bay.

Some of Britain's top jet ski riders will be competing as Porthcawl hosts the UK season finale on July 27/28. The event will be free.

Lisa Barsby, global head of P1 AquaX and herself a former world champion jet skier, said: "Last year was our first visit to Porthcawl and it has quickly become a real favourite with the riders. South Wales is a hot-bed of jet ski-ing, with the Porthcawl powerboat and ski club boasting nearly 100 members, and spectators will have a number of local AquaX racers to cheer on."

Porthcawl club member and reigning 200 class AquaX champion Nigel Williams is looking forward to the weekend: "We gained a lot of new members for the club and people new to jet ski-ing from last year's event, and the business community is fully on board as it helped to boost the local economy."

"We are pleased this year to be able to join the RescueFest2019 day to support Wales' busiest RNLI station here in Porthcawl."

RNLI volunteer crew member Chris

Page said: "As organisers we are delighted that P1 AquaX jet ski racing will be returning to our town. Our own event will be held at Porthcawl harbour quarter and along the main promenade on Sunday, July 28, where visitors can see the RNLI and other emergency services, meet the AquaX riders, and enjoy craft stalls, live entertainment and lots of family fun."

Porthcawl harbour master Sean Warrington said: "Watching the power of the jet skis and skill of the racers with the coastline around Porthcawl as the backdrop is special. Visitors will see that Porthcawl is undergoing significant development following the opening of a new marina, the harbour area being transformed and new terraced sea defences."

Cllr Richard Young, cabinet member for communities is delighted: "We are lucky to boast a landscape that stretches all the way from the coast up into the beautiful countryside of the south Wales valleys, and I hope visitors will enjoy a chance to explore and find out what else Bridgend county borough has to offer."

Racing in Newton Bay will start at 11am on Saturday and 12.30pm on July 27 and 28.

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MP's Parliamentary duties are not always obvious to observers...

AS I sit at my computer the emails are coming in thick and fast and there is only one subject: the Wild Animals in Circuses Bill.

The emails ask me to either vote for or against the bill. I will be doing neither. Does that mean I am abstaining or have no opinion on the subject? No.

As I have explained before, I am one of a small number of MPs who are part of what is known as the Chairman's Panel. We are delegated by Mr Speaker to chair legislative and debate sessions on his behalf.

Like Mr Speaker, we have strict rules about voting when we have chaired a session. Over two days I chaired the Committee Stage of this bill.

The first day was what is called the Public Bill Session. The members of the bill committee, those charged with taking the bill through the different legislative stages in the Commons have a whole day of taking evidence from people and organisations who will be affected by it.

My first session involved animal charities. RSPCA, PETA and Freedom for Animals gave evidence and were questioned by the members. In the afternoon session, chaired



by another member, evidence was given by circus owners.

The second session I chaired the next day involved discussions and votes on amendments to the bill. These sessions examine a bill line by line and word by word and raise changes which are thought to be helpful in improving the legislation.

Sometimes the amendments do not go to a vote, as the Government Minister indicates a willingness to look at the idea and bring it back to the committee either at Third Reading or in the Lords.

If you would like to read more about these sessions you can find them at bit.ly/2Zg0RzG or just use a search engine of your choice and it will all be available.

Having explained all of that can I now tell you how I would have voted if I had been able to do so? No. Again, there are strict rules about this.

Having chaired the sessions, I must not give an opinion on the bill. Given the number of emails in the inbox I will need to explain all

of this to many people in Bridgend confused not to see my name in the voting register.

I hope this article will also explain how complex the procedures are which guide our actions here.

A Guide to the Law, Privileges, Proceedings and Usages of Parliament written by Erskine May, 1st Baron of Farnborough and Clerk to the House of Commons who died in 1886, sets out the rules by which we operate in Westminster.

This almost 500-page volume is the large green book you see on the table in front of the clerks sitting in front of Mr Speaker. It codifies the rules that guide our actions, it's a living thing; as Parliament changes its rules the book is updated.

A recent new entry deals with EVEL; English Votes for English Legislation. This sets the process following devolution for decisions which will be applied only in England.

Now it's time to get back to the emails...

WASPI fundraiser

THE WASPI (Women Against State Pension Injustice) are holding an Ascot-style Ladies Day in Tondy Railway Canteen on Thursday, June 20 at 1.30pm.

All funds raised will help continue our protests about our State Pension. Come and support us at a fun day with a difference!

Tickets cost £10, and include a glass of Prosecco, cake and strawberries and cream. There will be a prize for the best hat, raffle prizes and a sweepstake. There will also be a chance for online betting, if anyone fancies a flutter.

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Another tranquil day in Bridgend Town Council as independents are accused over 'town twinning jolly'

POLITICAL parties in Bridgend Town Council have clashed over a decision to pay travel costs for the deputy mayor and his consort to attend a special twinning celebration in France.

The event in Bordeaux is the 25th anniversary of the twinning association between Bridgend and the town of Villeneuve d'Ornon.

At a finance committee on June 10, councillors approved funding for accommodation and flights for Bridgend Town Council's mayor, Cllr Alan Wathan and his consort, and the council clerk – understood to be a total of around £1,300.

They also approved £322 costs for the deputy mayor Cllr Steven Bletsoe and his consort, Cllr Freya Bletsoe, who is also a town councillor, to travel by car.

Conservative town councillor Matthew Voisey said it was "totally inappropriate" to pay for the deputy mayor and his consort to attend.

He said: "The public will see it as a taxpayer-funded jolly. As Conservative members we disapprove of the public expense for an unnecessary person to go."

"We feel the mayor, his consort and the clerk were enough, but the Change for Bridgend group

felt the deputy mayor should go as well.

"The sum is irrelevant – it's the principle. The public will see it as public funds being used for an overseas trip. It is excessive and wasteful. We don't see the benefit of the deputy mayor going."

The recent finance committee meeting was not the first time the issue of the trip to France had been discussed and voted on. A previous finance committee approved both travel and hotel costs for the mayor, deputy mayor and their consorts.

The decision needed to be retaken when an issue was raised over the validity of the mayor and deputy mayor election and this meant that both Cllr Wathan and Cllr Bletsoe had their roles taken away, having been appointed just days earlier.

While they were once again made the mayor and deputy mayor in an extraordinary meeting, decisions made in the interim period were questioned.

When councillors at full council refused to ratify the minutes for the committee which involved the trip, a new meeting had to take place.

Three Conservative councillors sit on the finance committee but Cllr Voisey said two had been unable to attend, including

himself, because it was called at "very short notice".

He said: "Cllr Lyn Walters and I both put in a statement saying we disagreed with it but we were overruled."

The town council clerk confirmed the council would pay for flights and hotels for the mayor, mayor's consort and town clerk to attend the town twinning 25th anniversary event.

She said: "The committee has also agreed that the deputy mayor and deputy mayor's consort attend the town twinning 25th anniversary event as official representatives and that the cost of travelling by car is paid for by Bridgend Town Council at a cost of £322."

"Accommodation costs for the deputy mayor and deputy mayor's consort will not be reimbursed."

She added: "If the deputy mayor and his consort attend by car, two additional councillors could attend and travel in the car and will be asked to contribute to the cost of travel. Those councillors attending would need to cover the cost of accommodation themselves."

The anniversary event will take place in early September.

Liz Bradfield,

Local democracy reporter.

Town centre's packed World War Two day



Land girls at last year's event.

THIS Saturday, June 15, there will be a free event in Bridgend town centre that will transport the town back to World War Two.

A full size replica of a Hurricane will be in Dunraven Place. What did a Spitfire and a Dreadnought super battleship really look like? Find out by talking to the builders of detailed model replicas.

Alternatively, become a land army girl and dig for victory and/or milk a cow.

For children of all ages there will be peg dolls

and a spy school.

There will also be live entertainment, a fashion parade at 1.30pm, and a traditional fairground.

Current military organisations will invite the public to show support for Armed Forces Day, and the men and women who make up the Armed Forces community. At 10.45am a short service will take place at Bridgend War Memorial, with a two minute silence at 11am followed by The Last Post.

The day will conclude at the Bridgend United Servicemen's Club with a proper (and free!) 1940s knees-up.

Show your bottle for reducing plastic pollution

BUSINESSES and residents across Bridgend county borough are being urged to show that they have the bottle to help reduce plastic pollution by supporting National Refill Day on Wednesday, June 19.

The campaign aims to make single-use plastic bottles a thing of the past by encouraging people to carry a reusable bottle instead. Businesses can register to say that they are willing to welcome people to refill their bottles on their premises by going online at www.refill.org.uk, while anyone who needs a drink on the go can download the free 'Refill' app to see where they can fill up their reusable bottle.

Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) is proud to support the campaign, with deputy leader Hywel Williams saying: "The amount of plastic bottles that get littered and end up in rivers and oceans, impacting on wildlife around the world is absolutely astonishing."

"Closer to home, when school children

recently conducted litter picks on local beaches the most common littered material that they found here was plastic too. National Refill Day is about getting everyone to say 'no' to single-use plastics and instead take a refillable bottle with them.

"I would encourage cafes, bars, restaurants and other local businesses to sign up so that passers-by know that they are welcome to fill up their bottles with free tap water."

"And don't forget, if you can't avoid drinking from a single-use plastic bottle, please put it in a bin or take it home to be recycled."

The average person in the UK will use 150 plastic water bottles every year, or around three a week but if just one in 10 Brits refilled a reusable bottle just once a week, it would save around 340 million plastic bottles every year!

A million plastic bottles are sold every minute around the world, and that figure is expected to grow by 20 per cent by 2021.

Police appeal for witnesses after robbery

DETECTIVES investigating a robbery in Bridgend are appealing for witnesses to come forward.

A woman in her 70s had her bag stolen from her in Rice Street, Bridgend, on Friday, June 7, at around 1pm. A man grabbed the woman, pulling her to the floor before making off with her brown suede crossbody bag.

The suspect is described as a white man, in his early 40s, of medium build and around 5ft8.

He had a dark brown beard and was wearing a grey woollen hat.

Detective Inspector Emma Hampton, of Bridgend CID, said: "This was a distressing experience for the woman involved, who thankfully did not sustain any serious injuries as a result of this incident."

"I am appealing to anyone who was in the area at the time of the incident and may have seen a man matching the description to come forward."

Anyone with information can call 101 quoting reference 1900205207 or call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Romeo's guide to the Italians here in Wales

IN the absence of our new president Kath Mepham who was attending the WI National Federation conference in Bournemouth, the meeting was taken by our vice president Mary Evans.

Mary opened the meeting by welcoming everyone, and in particular three new members attending their first meeting: Sandra Arnot, Karen Armstrong and Julie Morrison.

Our guest speaker for the evening was Romeo Basini, a third generation Italian born in Treherbert. Romeo treated members to a most interesting talk and slide show titled 'The Italian Connection'.

He gave us a most enlightening insight into why and how the Italians came to the south Wales

Valleys; life in Bardi, then and now and the origins of the Bracci shops in the valleys. The business of the meeting included feedback on the Samantha B fashion show on May 14.

Details were discussed of our August coach trip to Cwm Deri Vineyard, Narberth, on Tuesday, August 14, and the Footgolf arranged at St Mary's Golf Club on September 4.

A skittles evening with a buffet is arranged for October 9. A Denman College bursary worth £350 was drawn and the successful member was Yvonne Smith.

Our next meeting is to be held on July 2 and our guest speaker will be Andrea Miller, a dietician for diabetic and cancer patients. Guests and prospective new members are welcome to come along.

Cadets enjoy air show at Cosford



IT was a long day on Sunday, June 9, for cadets and staff from 2117 (Kenfig Hill) Squadron RAF Air Cadets.

They started out from Kenfig Hill at 7am for the long drive to RAF Cosford for the annual air show.

The weather stayed fine and was warm, which allowed a full flying display including the Red Arrows. There were static displays from many countries including Denmark, Germany and Switzerland and cadets enjoyed looking at the exhibits in the RAF museum.

Flight Sergeant Richard Peckham RAFAC (who took the above photo) was in charge of the day and he thanked A/Sergeant Danielle Young and Alison Griffiths from the Civilian Welfare Committee for their help in making the day a success.

This is only one of many activities you could be involved in by joining the RAF Air Cadets. If you are aged between 12 and in Year 8 up to the age of 17, come along and see what we can offer. Contact the Squadron Adjutant by email at adj.2117@aircadets.org to arrange a visit or call 01656 670125.

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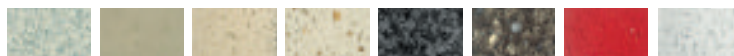


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Welsh farming must not fall victim to future trade deals, warns NFU Cymru

IN the wake of Donald Trump's state visit to the UK, NFU Cymru president John Davies has warned that Welsh farming must not fall victim to a future trade deal with the US or any other country.

John Davies said: "Welsh farmers are producing safe, high quality and fully traceable food to some of the highest standards anywhere in the world. The green, grass-based story and the farm-to-fork approach adopted here in Wales delivers the strong food

safety, animal welfare and environmental standards that UK consumers have come to expect and trust.

"The fact is that there are some US food items, such as chlorinated chicken or hormone-treated beef, that would be illegal to produce here in the UK. "This means that, given market access, US farmers could have a competitive advantage on price by using products and methods that do not comply with the standards we practise here.

"We've heard numerous political figures making promises on

various platforms over the last few years saying our hardworking industry would not be sold down the river in an 11th hour trade agreement. We need those figures to stay true to those words in the coming months. We must not see a situation arise where Welsh farming falls victim to a trade agreement that permits access for cheaper US produce that undermines the farming sector here in Wales, leaving our industry uncompetitive.

"Such a scenario could put our domestic food production system at severe risk, while public trust and confidence that has taken decades to build could be decimated overnight.

"The food and farming industry here in Wales is worth £7bn to the economy: feeds a nation, boosts the environment and underpins our thriving rural communities. We are stressing to government in the strongest terms that none of this should be jeopardised by a trade deal."

Fibrofighters support group launched



'The sweetest pair' of Akitas need a good home



Kim with Mojito and Malakai.

MOJITO and Malakai are three-year-old Japanese Akitas.

They arrived at the centre together and give each other confidence, therefore we are looking to rehome them together. New owners will need to live in an appropriately sized home with a large garden so that they have plenty of space to settle in.

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Dog trainer Kim said: "Mojito and Malakai are the cutest pair. They walk well on the lead and are very affectionate. They will make loving and rewarding companions."

For more information in Mojito and Malakai, visit the Dogs Trust Rehoming Centre in Bridgend, CF31 4NG; or give us call on 01656 725219. You can also visit our website at www.dogstrust.org.uk.

A GROUP of volunteers have launched a support group for people suffering from fibromyalgia called Cardiff and Vale Fibrofighters.

Fibromyalgia, also known as fibromyalgia syndrome (FMS), is a long-term condition that causes pain all over the body. As well as widespread pain, people with fibromyalgia may also have increased sensitivity to pain, fatigue, difficulty sleeping, difficulty with mental processes, headaches and irritable bowel syndrome.

Fibrofighters hold social meetings every Friday at Barry Library from 11am to 1pm, with everyone welcome to attend. The group say that the meetings are designed to be social, relaxing and provide a break for those living with fibromyalgia.

They will also be able to provide assistance with medical forms, PIP

forms and offer general advice. The group also meets every Monday at the Fairwater pub, St Fagans Road, Cardiff from 11am to 1pm.

The group have met Vale MP Alun Cairns, who was able to offer guidance on setting up a local support group and put the group in contact with Glamorgan Voluntary Service (GVS).

Mr Cairns said: "It's great to see a voluntary group like this being established in the Vale, offering a social place and support hub for people suffering with fibromyalgia. Credit goes to Alan, Linda and Monique for their hard work to set up the group."

If you would like more information about Fibrofighters or their regular meetings, email CardiffandValeFibrofighters@hotmail.com, visit their Facebook page 'CardiffandValeFibrofighters' or call them on 07399 665245.

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AMs ask: 'Can compulsory purchase orders spark more local regeneration?'

A WELSH Assembly committee believes there are positive ways local authorities could use compulsory purchase orders (CPOs) to help regenerate towns.

CPOs often have a negative connotation because they give governmental bodies the right to legally obtain sites without the consent of the owner. The National Assembly's economy, infrastructure and skills committee is calling on the Welsh Government to encourage local councils to use them to regenerate towns.

The committee says communities can be improved

if local authorities are given the chance to buy derelict buildings or land. It thinks forcing someone to give up their land should not be taken lightly, but there are positive reasons why councils should consider obtaining orders.

The committee is recommending that the Welsh Government provides clear guidance and support on using CPOs and the benefits of using them.

Where there are disputes, the committee recommends the Welsh Government should encourage the parties to take part in 'dispute resolution' to avoid costly legal action.

The committee chair Russell George AM explained: "We all want to see our town centres thrive and for people to choose to cycle and walk wherever possible.

"When used effectively, compulsory purchase orders can have a real impact in helping councils to achieve this. However, we know that at the moment local councils rarely use them due to potentially lengthy and costly legal wrangling.

"Our committee has looked at the process for using

CPOs and we believe that the Welsh Government can make it easier and more efficient..."

Plaid Cymru councillor Ian Johnson, who represents Barry town centre, said it was in everyone's interests that long-term derelict buildings served a useful purpose once more.

"The Vale Council should use whatever powers possible to improve our town centres to make them vibrant and viable places. It isn't good enough to shrug shoulders and say that it is the landlord's responsibility or that there's nothing that can be done.

"With regards to Barry town centre in particular, I've asked Vale Council officers to make a list of long-term vacant buildings and find out why they aren't being used. If a shop or building isn't being used, then I want to know why, and what can be done to bring it back into use."

A Vale Council spokesman said it preferred to operate without resorting to CPOs: "The Vale Council is aware of the powers available with regard to compulsory purchase orders under various

legislation, including both planning and Highways Acts; however, it is important to note that the process is both time consuming and complicated.

"In recent years, the council has worked with partners and local developers to deliver key award-winning regeneration projects like the Pump House without the need to resort to compulsory purchase powers and while they remain in the regeneration armoury, it can be quicker and more effective to try and work with landowners to achieve meaningful outcomes."

The spokesman added: "However, the option of CPOs always remains available and can be appropriate in larger or more complicated regeneration projects."

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WASPIs are optimistic following judicial review court hearing

LOCAL WASPI campaigner Kay Clarke has told The GEM she is optimistic following a court hearing which considered a judicial review into women's pension payments.

The WASPI campaign (Women Against State Pension

Inequality) was founded in 2015. It began because some women paid tax and national insurance on the understanding that they would get their pension at 60 years old, only to face a longer wait and a feeling of injustice.

The judicial review hearing took place on

June 5 and 6.

Kay, who attended it, said: "One of the groups I belong to - Back to 60 Campaign - brought a court case against the government and I spent two days in London supporting them. I came away from the judicial review hopeful."

The Back to 60 Campaign's case was put forward by Michael Mansfield QC and Kay

said: "His presentation was clear, direct and powerful and we were all enthused by it."

Vale AM Jane Hutt, who has supported the WASPI campaign, met campaigners following the judicial review and said: "I am pleased to support Kay and the 1950s women in their campaign and we await the outcome of the review and hope for pension justice."



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Out & About with The GEM

Dark Phoenix sees X-Men bow out on a whimper...

AFTER *The Last Stand* had threatened to derail the X-Men franchise for good, Matthew Vaughn's origin story, *X-Men: First Class*, soon got it back on track.

Since then we've had the superb *Days of Future Past* and the not-so-superb *Apocalypse*, but, with 20th Century Fox being bought by Disney (owners of Marvel Studios), the latest X-film is likely to be the last in this iteration.

Entitled *Dark Phoenix*, it sees Jean Grey (Sophie Turner) starting to develop powers she struggles to control. Seeking advice from both Charles Xavier (James McAvoy) and an exiled Magneto (Michael Fassbender), Jean doesn't know which way to turn.

But a stranger, played by Jessica Chastain, may have the answers

she seeks – but at what cost to Jean and the rest of the X-Men?

Hollywood has never been one for timing. The purchase of 20th Century Fox by Disney (and, more crucially for film fans, the likely amalgamation of Fox's Marvel characters with the Marvel Cinematic Universe) was always going to be a huge dent in *Dark Phoenix*'s ambitions; after all, why push a film that will probably see all the characters recast and plunged into new MCU-based adventures.

That's not to say that the film couldn't have delivered a satisfying swansong to the Fox-era X-Men franchise, but given that the series has been a case of diminishing returns since Matthew Vaughn's sleek and stylish *First Class*, the auspices weren't good – and so it proves.

Simon Kinberg has been involved in the franchise since writing 2006's *The Last Stand*,

the closing chapter of the first batch of the X-Men films, and one that was beset with issues, which resulted in a rushed, at times daft, and rather woolly film (albeit one this reviewer afforded glowing praise upon release).

Here he attempts a 'do-over' of that film's *Dark Phoenix* story strand, and it's safe to say that if Kinberg mishandled the ball back in 2006, then 13 years later he drops it completely.

This is a film that sees the series peter out with a whimper, a limp and ham-fisted film that, while not the worst you're likely to see this year, is a misfire on every single level.

This is very much a labor of love for Kinberg; not just does he feel the pressure of having mishandled the *Dark Phoenix* story in *The Last Stand*, but he's also on writing and producing duties, as well as this being the first film he's directed.

The end product smacks of a film made by someone being stretched in every direction, the script muddy and dull (at one point Kinberg essentially copies a scene from *The Last Stand*) and the direction messy and devoid of any real inspiration. In fact, it's a film that actually makes *The Last Stand* wholly bearable, which isn't a recommendation in any way.

The film struggles to convey any real weight, rushing through plot points so that none truly resonate emotionally, which is a shame as there are many parts where the emotional aspect could have been dialled up. Kinberg's lack of experience behind the camera (and arguably lack of deftness behind the keyboard) means these are undercooked.

This is a film where the more established members of the cast take a backseat to proceedings, so the



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likes of James McAvoy, Michael Fassbender and Jennifer Lawrence are put on the backburner, which is a shame as while they're not firing

on all cylinders, they're far better than the younger cast on whose shoulders this film rests on.

Sophie Turner's performance isn't bad, but it's saddled with soap opera melodramatics that are partly the fault of the script, partly the performer, while the likes of Tye Sheridan, Alexandra Shipp and Nicholas Hoult don't get much opportunity to show their abilities, the characters and performances struggling underneath Kinberg's poor script.

What's also baffling is why recruit such as seasoned and respected actress as Jessica Chastain, and then give her a role that is

underdeveloped, dripping in basic villainy and vastly beneath what she is capable of?

Also, Kinberg's decision to keep her villainous identity a secret backfires hugely, the reveal of who she is drawing gigantic ambivalence to all but the hardest of Marvel fans.

It seems a shame that such a promising rebooting of the X-franchise in 2011 has ended up in such a disappointing mess of a film like *Dark Phoenix*, a film that very much feels like all involved, consciously or not, are going through the motions. Arguably X-Men's Fox years deserved a better send

off than this – *Dark Phoenix* is nothing more than a gigantic letdown.

VERDICT: Second time is not the charm for Simon Kinberg, who yet again fumbles a key comic book storyline in *Dark Phoenix*. A film that is dull, lifeless and bereft of all but a few redeeming features, this is a film that puts the final nail in the X-Men coffin. Hopefully, the Marvel Cinematic Universe will handle these characters better in the future. *Poor.*

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *X-Men: The Last Stand* (2006), *X-Men: Apocalypse* (2016).

What's on, and where?

Country market

THE next Cowbridge Country Market takes place on Friday, June 14 in the Lesser Hall from 9.30am for a great selection of vegetable and pretty cottage garden plants, as well as the usual delicious summer bakes and jams.

AM surgery

AM Jane Hutt will be holding an advice surgery at the Citizens' Advice Offices, 119 Broad Street, Barry CF62 7TZ on Friday, June 14, 4.30pm–5.30pm; no appointment necessary.

PACT meetings

WHY not come along to Gibbonsdown 'Cuppa with a Copper' which is held every Monday morning at the Aberaeron HUB, Aberaeron Close between 10am and 12 noon.

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Summer fair

A SUMMER fair will be held in the All Saints Lesser Hall, Victoria Square, Penarth on Saturday, June 15, 2pm–3.30pm and will include plants, cakes, books and many other bargains.

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Lunchtime Concerts at All Saints' Barry

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Music at Lunchtime concerts at All Saints' are held monthly on the third Saturday. Doors open at 12.30pm and concerts start at 1pm and last around an hour. The audience are invited to bring their lunch and tea, coffee and sometimes homemade cakes are available to purchase. Free entry but donations accepted towards the Church Maintenance fund. More information on www.allsaintsbarry.org.uk or email music@allsaintsbarry.org.uk.

Ward Councillors' surgery

THE Labour Councillors for Buttrills, Cadoc, Castleland and Court Wards will be holding their regular monthly advice surgery on Saturday, June 15, in the small community room, Barry Library, King Square from 10am until 11am.

No appointment is necessary.

Cake and crafts

FRIENDS of Penarth Library will be holding a cake sale and children's craft session with local artist Mari Wirth at the library on Saturday, June 15, from 10am to 1pm.

Messy Church

A MESSY Church will take place on Sunday, June 16, in the Reading Room, Bonvilston, at 2.30pm until 4pm.

A warm welcome is extended to youngsters (and toddlers with their parents) for fun activities for all the family, crafting things to make, a Bible story, singing and refreshments.

Further information from Rev Lee Dufield on 07784 869020, Canon Martyn Davies on 01446

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Legal advice free

AGE Connects Cardiff and Vale are holding a free Legal Advice session at Age Connects Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry, on Tuesday, June 18 from 10am to 12pm.

If you need advice on Will making, Power of Attorney, Living Wills come along and chat to a legal team based in Barry. No appointment is needed; call 01446 732385 for further information.

Health information drop-in

IF you suffer from ME, fibromyalgia or chronic fatigue syndrome, Age Connects Cardiff and Vale Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry, is holding a drop-in health information session on Tuesday, June 18, from 10am to 12pm.

Come chat to a health care professional from MESIG Glamorgan on support services available in the local area. No appointment is needed, just drop in. Call 01446 732385 for further information.

Cowbridge U3A

Interested in joining? Newly-joined?

Come and meet committee members for a friendly chat over coffee from 10.30am on Wednesday, June 19, in the Bear Hotel, Cowbridge. Long-standing members also welcome.

Parkinson's drop-in cafe

THE next meeting is on Wednesday, June 19, from 1.30pm – 3.30pm in Llantwit Major.

All are welcome to come along and have a chat and a cuppa. For further information contact Martin Simmonds on 01446 796310.

Big Screen Cowbridge

BIG Screen's last film for this season is *Stan and Ollie* (Cert PG) on Thursday, June 20, at 7.30pm in The Town Hall.

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Doors open 7.10pm, tickets £4 (available in advance from the Town Clerk's office, or on the door).

Cowbridge U3A History

THE next Cowbridge U3A History group monthly meeting will be a talk entitled 'From New York to London via Abermawr: the transatlantic cable of 1866' by Stephen K Jones at 10am on Thursday, June 20 in Cowbridge Town Hall.

Visitors welcome; there is a small fee. See www.u3asites.org.uk/cowbridge.

Quiz evening

BARRY Action for Nature will be holding another popular fish and chip quiz evening on Friday, June 21, at Highlight Park Community Centre (near Barry Tesco) starting at 7pm.

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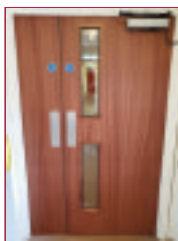
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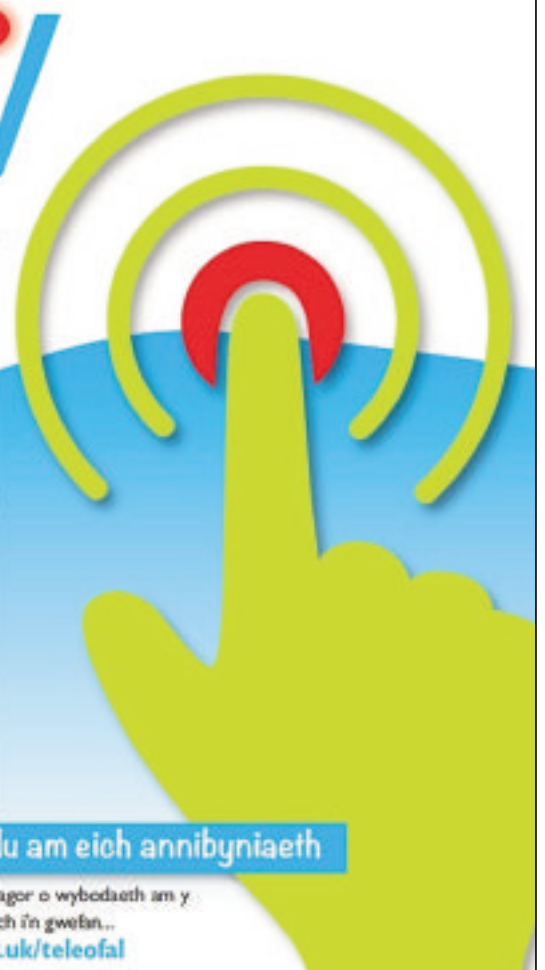
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Time to bin all those 'health and safety gone mad' grumbles

THERE are few phrases that are more likely to cause hackles to rise in general conversation than 'health and safety'.

Its stablemate, 'risk assessment' is, of course, another.

People, it appears, are always quick off the mark with a moan or complaint.

However, if you put aside the knee jerk reaction, and the 'I'm past 60 now and I survived without all those rules' protestations, what you are left with on so many occasions is just good old-fashioned common sense.

And if that common sense tends to err on the side of caution, then that is no bad thing.

Perhaps it is time to put aside all those prejudices when we look at Health and Safety issues.

Perhaps it is time to recognise that rules that ask you to think ahead and be professional are a really positive force.

After all, acknowledging that tidy is better than untidy is a bit of a no-brainer.

Taking information from past accidents and using it to prevent ones in the future is pretty sensible too.

Asking a trained eye to look at a workplace or home is no bad thing if you value your workers, or your children.

What's more, in this day and age, a health and

safety compliant operation conforms to many people's idea of professionalism.

Doing it the way you've always done it might suit you, but others will see it as a reflection on your business.

As with so many aspects of life, first impressions count, and it means that ignoring good practice will damage that impression.

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What's on, and where?

Community surgery

MP Alun Cairns is holding a Community Surgery with Barry Waterfront Community Residents Association (BWCRA), specifically for residents on Barry Waterfront to discuss service charges which apply to new houses within the development.

The public meeting will take place tonight, Thursday, June 13, from 5.30pm at Barry Memorial Hall, Gladstone Road, Barry CF62 8NA.

Please let Alun know if you plan to attend by emailing Alun.Cairns.mp@parliament.uk or calling the office on 01446 748657.

Charity golf event
KPC Youth & Community are holding their annual Charity Golf Day on Friday, June 21 at the Grove Golf Club, Porthcawl.

Team entry for teams of four is £165 per team and entry includes coffee on arrival, golf fees and a buffet meal following the round of golf, and to be part of the prize presentation.

There are still some slots available (particularly after 12 noon), so this may be ideal for the chance to get together a work team to support a local charity.

Sponsorship is sought for raffle/auction prizes or £50 to sponsor a hole. For team entry forms or more details, contact Alison on 01656 749219 or info@kpcyouth.com

Llantwit Major Victorian fair
THE stage line-up for Llantwit Major's Victorian Fair Day on Saturday, June 22 has been announced.

At 10.30am music by Ian John Ball; 11am official opening by Llantwit Major Mayor, Cllr Robert Gant; 11.20am Aled Hughes; 12pm Caris Thomas dancers; 12.40pm Dewi Sant Primary School; 1.20pm Sophie Moore, singer; 2pm Ysgol y Ddraig Primary School; 2.40pm Stage Door 1; 3.20pm belly dancers and 4pm ukulele band.

Thingumajigs will perform outside The Swan pub on the day.
Rhose Lunch
RHOOSE Community Library is excited to announce its fabulous summer fundraiser, 'Lunch

by the Sea' hosted by the team at Fontygary Leisure Park.

The event takes place on Friday, June 28, from 12 noon to 3pm at the new Bayview Suite and terrace, Fontygary Leisure Park, Rhose.

A library spokesperson said: "You'll be welcomed with a glass of fizz (or soft drink) followed by a light buffet lunch. There will be a raffle, licensed bar and fabulous stalls to browse, along with the beautiful coastal views to enjoy from the terrace. Book the date in your diary now and get together for a memorable afternoon with friends."

"We can reserve a table for groups and friends, so you're all seated together. Tickets are £15, and £5 from the sale of each ticket directly benefits Rhose Community Library; on sale now at Rhose Community Library or Chris Davies Estate Agents, Rhose.

Lunch by the Sea is generously sponsored by Fontygary Leisure Park, Chris Davies Estate Agents, Ang's Salon and Highwayman Secure Parking." Enquiries at 07791 514991.

Mayor's quiz
WANT to test your general knowledge?

Why not join the Mayor of Barry, Cllr Margaret Wilkinson, for a charity quiz night on Friday, June 28 at 7pm? There will be a prize for the winning team and raffle tickets on sale at the event. All money raised is in aid of the Mayor's nominated charities: Atal-Y-Fro and The Intersensory Club.

The event is being held at Barry Rugby Club, Merthyr Dyfan Road, Barry, CF62 9TH and is being supported by Barry Round Table. Tickets are £3 each from Barry Town Council at 7 Gladstone Road, Barry, CF62 8NA, 01446 738663. For more information contact info@barrytowncouncil.gov.uk.

Dementia Friendly open day in Cowbridge

There will be an open day in Cowbridge Town Hall on Friday, June 21, 10.30am - 3.30pm, offering advice and support for people with dementia, their families and their carers. All are welcome.

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Yacht club reschedules open day
BARRY Yacht Club was forced to postpone its open day scheduled for last Saturday, June 8 due to a weather forecast predicting high winds.

The event has now been moved to Sunday, June 23 and the club will open at 8.30am with registration for events starting at 9.15am.

There will be a 'have a go' sailing or rowing, a surf life-saving demonstration, barbecue, bar and live music. Booking is essential if people want to get out onto the water; email secretary@barryyacht-club.co.uk.

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BARRY'S recent Festival of Transport had a big turnout and also launched a major £100,000 appeal to help rebuild an 81-year-old coach.

At the festival at Barry Island on June 9, around 180 classic cars and 240 performance and rally club cars were joined by 60 buses.

Mike Taylor, the organising chairman of the Heritage Bus group, based at The Bus Depot, Barry, said: "Visitor numbers seemed to be quite strong despite the mid-morning rain shower. The sun came out for the heritage open top buses which ran during the day."

The Heritage Bus Group offered a free service linking Barry Island and their restoration base at The Bus Depot, which is more centrally placed in Barry. Visitors had a chance to experience travelling on buses including a 1960 model.

Mr Taylor added: "I want to thank all the volunteers and the Vale Council, as at times it was really busy. This year, the groups of performance cars attracted a lot of younger people, in contrast to the many classic cars from the 1960s, 1970s and 1980s."

"We had more visiting heritage buses this year and also marked the start of our Red and White 390 Project: a call for donations to restore a 1938 Red and

White Albion Valkyrie coach – the last surviving inter-war long distance coach from that firm.

"We had three double deckers from Birmingham and ones representing London, Bath, Swansea and Bristol joining our Barry collection running free trips. The New Zealand Bristol RE single decker was on show and for the first time ever in Wales was an Ikarus-260 bus from Hungary."

Litter pick at Ogmere
VALE MP Alun Cairns has organised a community litter pick at Ogmere Beach from 10am on Saturday, June 15.

Everyone is welcome to attend and all equipment, including litter picks, gloves and bags, will be provided. Attendees are free to bring their own equipment if they wish to do so.

If you would like to attend please let Alun know by emailing Alun.Cairns.mp@parliament.uk or calling the office on 01446 748657, so that he can make sure that he has enough equipment for all.

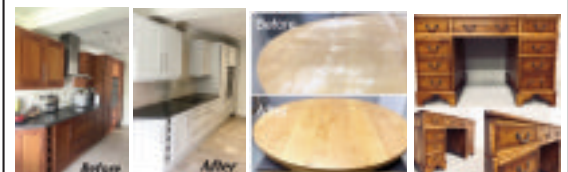
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Grim rumours are confirmed as Ford announces closure of Bridgend engine plant

THE grim forecasts of the past few days were proved correct this morning when Ford of Europe announced that its Ford engine plant, which employs 1,700 people, would close in September 2020.

It is expected that job losses will be phased, so some workers may lose their jobs earlier.

In a statement, Ford of Europe president Stuart Rowley said: "Creating a strong and sustainable Ford business in Europe requires us to make some difficult decisions, including the need to scale our global engine manufacturing footprint to best serve our future vehicle portfolio."

"We are committed to the UK. However, changing customer demand and cost disadvantages, plus an absence of additional engine models for Bridgend going forward make the plant economically unsustainable in the years ahead."

Ford have been producing engines in Bridgend for 42 years.

The GMB union reacted angrily. Regional Organiser Jeff Beck said: "We're hugely shocked by today's announcement, it's a real hammer blow for the Welsh economy and the community in Bridgend."

"Regardless of today's announcement GMB will continue to work with Ford, our sister unions and the Welsh Government to find a

solution to the issue and mitigate the effects of this devastating news.

"What makes it worse is Donald Trump is in this country talking about a possible trade deal between the UK and the US – yet when the plant closes, the new line is likely to be produced in Mexico by an American company. "So much for the special relationship Mr Trump."

Ian Price, CBI Wales Director, said: "The planned closure of Ford's Bridgend plant is a blow to the lives of all who work there and in its supply chains, as well as to the Welsh economy."

"The workers must be given every help in re-training, upskilling and finding new opportunities. Despite the bad news, we welcome that Ford recognises its obligations and is proposing a plan to ease the impact."

"The Welsh Government and Westminster must do all in its power to sustain manufacturing in our country, and support industries under threat from a range of challenges, from automation to a slowing global economy."

Ogmore MP Chris Elmore and Ogmore AM Huw Irranca-Davies AM said: "This is devastating news for all of the workers at the plant, their families and the wider community. Our thoughts are with them all at this difficult time. This is nothing short of a hammer blow for the south Wales economy."

"Alongside the

workers and trade unions, and with support of Welsh Government, we have consistently pressed Ford to bring new investment to Bridgend. We are seeking urgent discussions with Ford to press the case again, despite this announcement.

"Along with our Bridgend colleagues Carwyn Jones AM and Madeleine Moon MP, and local council leader Huw David, we will also be speaking urgently to the Welsh Government to explore any other employment and opportunities for investment in Bridgend which could provide work for this highly skilled and loyal workforce."

"We will do all we can to ensure that the workers and their families – including the many who live in Ogmore – are supported during this difficult time. If this news means redundancy for workers then we must demand the best possible terms of redundancy from Ford because it's the very least that these loyal workers deserve."

Senior members at Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) have described the decision to close Bridgend Ford as being 'the single biggest blow to our economy since the closure of the pits'.

However, Cllr Huw David, Leader of BCBC, has pledged that the authority will offer workers at the plant its full support and that action is already being taken.

He said: "Bridgend

Ford has been our biggest single private sector employer at the heart of the community for almost 40 years. We are devastated for everyone affected by this decision, and we urge Ford to reconsider and to work with both Welsh Government and the UK Government to keep this plant open."

"This is a dreadful situation for the staff at Ford to be in, and unfortunately it will have a knock-on effect on many other businesses which supply the plant with services as well as the wider economy, too."

"Since rumblings about the plant's future first emerged in January, we have been working alongside Welsh Government colleagues to have a specialist response team standing ready."

"The team features organisations who will work together to support Ford workers. It includes representatives from the council, Welsh Government, the Department of Work and Pensions, Job Centre Plus, Business Wales, Careers Wales, Bridgend College and more."

"This response team will be able to work in partnership to offer a wide range of redundancy support and help workers gain access to new employment and training opportunities."

"The staff at Ford are highly skilled, world-class workers, and wherever possible, we will be encouraging other businesses within the county borough to offer them alternative employment."

"We have a number of initiatives in place which can support this, such as the ReAct fund which helps new employers meet recruitment and training costs, or the Employability Bridgend Programme which helps people to adapt, re-train, gain new skills and take advantage of fresh opportunities."

Rhosee Community Cinema

FOR the season finale, Rhosee Community Cinema are paying their respects to the iconic Doris Day by giving an afternoon tea screening of *Calamity Jane* on Saturday, June 22.

We are thrilled to be joined by Martin Woodsford, Doris Day Fan Club editor and *Slimming World's* Mr Sleek, who will regale us with his fond memories of the late star before showtime.

Come and join us for afternoon tea fizz and fun: this is a ticket only event and they are priced at £10 via www.ticketsource.co.uk/rhosee-community-cinema/t-ymodeo; or call Jo on 07986 907151 or see Facebook Rhosee Community Cinema for more details. All proceeds to Rhosee Village Christmas Lights fund.

Harold Williams

Commons' Welsh Affairs Committee backs devolution of air passenger duty

COMMENTING on a report by the House of Commons Welsh Affairs Committee calling for air passenger duty to be fully devolved to Wales by 2021, South Wales Central AM, Andrew RT Davies said: "This is a welcome contribution to the long-standing debate regarding the devolution of air passenger duty to Wales."

"I've been calling for this to happen since 2013, and the committee chaired by Monmouth MP David Davies has found the benefits of devolving APD are absolutely convincing."

"Lowering APD would be a game-changer and would make Cardiff Airport far more competitive – attracting more passengers and route options – while delivering a shot in the arm to the Welsh economy."

"However, it is regrettable to see in the report that the Welsh Labour Government's Finance Minister has already started to row back on previous promises to abolish the tax."

"Such a move would be another kick in the teeth for the Welsh economy after Labour's decision to scrap the M4 relief road. We desperately need to make Wales a low-tax economy to improve our competitiveness and attract much-needed investment."

Responding to the findings of the Welsh Affairs Committee's inquiry, the Welsh Government's Minister for

Finance and Trefnydd Rebecca Evans said: "We very much welcome the Welsh Affairs Committee's unanimous recommendation that the UK Government should hand over full control of APD in Wales to the Welsh Government by 2021."

"The Welsh Government has consistently argued there is no justification for Wales being treated differently to Scotland, Northern Ireland in terms of the devolution of APD. We therefore welcome the Committee's recognition of the inequity in the devolution process."

"We now call on the UK Government to take the recommended action and fully devolve APD to Wales by 2021."

Referring to Mr Davies' suggestion that the Minister was 'rowing back on previous promises', a Welsh Government spokesperson said: "In the event APD is devolved to Wales, the Welsh Government's decisions on future APD rates would take account of potential environmental impacts, including carbon emissions, in order to meet statutory requirements of the Well-being of Future Generations Act (Wales) (2015) and Environment (Wales) 2016 Act."

"This assessment would be done in the context of which powers were being devolved and the circumstances at the time of any decision by the UK Government on devolution." Any changes proposed would also be subject to full consultation with businesses and the people of Wales."

Penarth dad runs to celebrate beating cancer

A PENARTH dad who was diagnosed with bowel cancer at 36 is backing Cancer Research UK this Father's Day (June 16).

Richard Sugarman and his son Sam, 13, are encouraging boys and men to take part in the charity's Race for Life event which has previously been a women-only event.

Taking place in Bute Park in Cardiff on July 6 and 7, participants have the chance sign up for the Pretty Muddy event on the Saturday, including Pretty Muddy Kids, or the 5k or 10k Race for Life events on the Sunday.

Richard, 47, is passionate about supporting Cancer Research UK as it is thanks to research he is here today and able to spend quality time with his son and his wife, Sue. He has been cancer-free for over 10 years.

"I'm so grateful for research," said Richard. "And I appreciate Father's Day a lot more after going through cancer. Having cancer has definitely changed my perspective on life."

Richard, who owns Llandough Ironing Company with his wife, had been experiencing severe stomach pains,

weight loss and eventually blood loss when going to the toilet before he was diagnosed with bowel cancer.

The father-of-one is keen to share his story as he wants other people with any symptoms to push for tests as it took him over a year to be diagnosed.

"Because I was young at the time, I was told my symptoms weren't anything serious and were likely to be IBS," said Richard. "I had been misdiagnosed for a year despite having chronic stomach pain."

"I had been back and forth to the doctors as the pain was so severe. I was a supermarket store manager at the time and I remember being curled up on the floor in pain once. Then I bled when I went to the loo and went into A&E. I was still there for a couple of weeks before I was diagnosed."

"I should not have survived – the cancer had spread to three-quarters of my intestine." When Richard was eventually told he had bowel cancer, he felt a sense of relief.

He said: "My first thoughts were, let's get this sorted and start with the treatment." Thankfully, Richard

only needed surgery to remove the tumour. He later found out he had a faulty HNPCC gene, also known as Lynch syndrome, which increases the risk of bowel cancer.

Richard said: "Sam is also at risk of having this gene, so he will be monitored when he's older."

Sam, who was only two when his dad was diagnosed with cancer, said: "I'm so grateful for the treatment that helped save my dad's life and I'm so proud to be able to be supporting Race for Life alongside him. By coming together, we can all do our bit to help beat cancer."

Katie Cooze, Cancer Research UK's event manager for south Wales, said: "Our Race for Life events are fun, colourful, emotional and uplifting. You don't need to be sporty to take part."

"By taking part in Race for Life and raising money for research, our participants play a crucial role in helping to turn discoveries made in the lab into better treatments for patients in Wales and across the UK."

To enter Race for Life today visit racefor-life.org.

A 'lost' queen is bad news for the bees

THE swarming season is still with us, and no doubt several more calls to deal with bees will come in.

Here at Fonmon Apiary, I have nine colonies and of these, two are showing signs of failing – why is this?

The two failing colonies did swarm, and the new queens have both failed to rejuvenate their respective hives. One instance has been brought about by a queen failing to return from her mating flight. She may have been caught out by a rain shower or perhaps she provided a snack for a bird. For whatever reason, this eventuality is going to cause problems!

To try and correct the situation, I have taken a frame of eggs, larvae and sealed brood from one of the fully functioning colonies and placed it into this queen-less colony in a hope that a new queen can be raised from one of the eggs, or perhaps one of the larvae; time will tell.

The second problem colony does have a queen, but her mating flights have not been a success. How do I

know this? Looking into the hive, all I see is drone brood (male bees) in the making.

An unmated queen can, and will, lay eggs but every egg she lays will become a male bee and as we know, it is the ladies of the hive that do all that is required to ensure a fully functioning colony – so a colony of drones is going nowhere.

This turn of events is not at all unusual in the beekeeping world and it will perhaps serve to reinforce the advice passed on to new beekeepers that having just one colony is not a good policy to pursue.

My two swarms occurred at the end of April and new queens do require time to mature, mate and commence laying.

A wonderful showing of hawthorn this year will certainly have been used by all pollinators and now the blackberry bushes are bursting into flower, and a good number of bumblebees are taking full advantage of this source of pollen and nectar.

Harold Williams



National Glaucoma Awareness Week

June 17th - 23rd 2019



Inspiring people to look after their eyes...

LOCAL optometrist Annette Dobbs of Annette Dobbs Eyecare in Barry hopes to encourage people to take better care of their sight during National Eye Health Week.

Annette explained: "Research shows that half of all sight loss is avoidable, so we want to inspire the residents of Barry to look after their eyes."

"Sight is the sense that people fear losing the most, that's why it's so important to get your eyes checked regularly by a qualified optometrist."

In Wales, we are particularly lucky that the NHS covers many people's eye tests.

Annette's practice at 40 Tynwydd Road, Barry, carries out the full range of ophthalmic services for all age groups, including emergency care.

They've recently

invested in a new, easily accessible ground floor consulting room that is fully fitted with the latest equipment including a state-of-the-art Optical Coherence Tomography machine (OCT).

The OCT not only takes a digital photograph of the back of the eye but also captures a cross-sectional scan which enables earlier detection of sight-threatening eye diseases such as age-related macular degeneration and glaucoma.

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Early diagnosis key say Jones & Jones

CHRONIC glaucoma affects two per cent of the population over the age of 40, increasing to over 10 per cent for those aged 75 or older.

There are about 500,000 people in England and Wales with glaucoma, and about 70 million worldwide, making it one of the leading causes of blindness.

Unfortunately, there are no symptoms until extensive, irreversible damage to the optic nerve has occurred, resulting in unrecoverable vision loss, and it is estimated that up to 50 per cent of people with glaucoma

are undiagnosed.

Frustratingly, needless blindness from glaucoma can be easily averted as it can often be treated with simple eye drops. The key to successful treatment is early diagnosis. To increase your chance of being diagnosed early, you should have a sight test at least every two years – or more frequently if you have a first degree relative with glaucoma.

At Jones & Jones Optometrists, Dr Adrian Jones has a special interest in glaucoma and holds the College of Optometrists Higher Diploma in the diagnosis and management of glaucoma.

After spending almost a decade in specialist clinics at the University Hospital of Wales in Cardiff and Bristol Eye Hospital, he has a wealth of knowledge and clinical expertise.

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Free funding workshop for voluntary and community groups at GVS

GLAMORGAN Voluntary Services (GVS) and The National Lottery Community Fund (TNLCF - formerly the Big Lottery Fund) have arranged a free funding workshop on Wednesday, June 19, 1.30pm-3pm at GVS' office in Barry Community Enterprise Centre, Skomer Road, Barry, CF62 9DA.

The interactive workshop will explain TNLCF's new approach, which aims to put people in the lead. It will discuss ideas for community engagement

and introduce tools for asset mapping, all of which will help strengthen applications. Advice will also be given on making an online application.

The workshop will be most useful for groups applying for small grants (below £10,000) but will also be of interest if considering applying for their medium (up to £100,000) or large (up to £500,000) grants. The session will last for an hour, and will be followed by a chance to speak with a TNLCF Funding Officer informally.

To apply for a place contact Dave Edwards via e-mail dave@gvs.wales or telephone 01446 741706.

Strawberry tea raises funds for Mother's Union projects

THE Colwinston, Llandow and Llyswoyney Mother's Union recently held a strawberry tea in Llandow Village Hall on a very wet and windy June afternoon.

The cake stall quickly sold out and the plant stall did a roaring trade. There were many prizes in the raffle and £500 was raised to support Mother's Union projects, both at home and abroad.

These include providing holidays for less fortunate families in the Mother's Union caravan in Trecco Bay, sending money to other countries for the education of women and using funds for relief efforts in the UK and beyond.

The organisation has branches

in 84 countries worldwide and four million members. Although there are only 12 members in the local Mother's Union, their fundraising is always well supported and a big thank you goes to everyone who helped to make the tea party a great success.

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Vale Mayor's gift to emergency volunteer group

A GROUP of licensed radio amateurs which helps emergency services and local authorities in times of civil emergencies has received a grant from the outgoing Vale Mayor to help them continue their volunteer work.

Cardiff and District RAYNET (CDR), a member of the UK-wide organisation supported by the UK Government and local rescue organisations, helps to provide communications during emergencies to user services including the Vale and Cardiff Councils.

The award, made by Cllr Leighton Rowlands, recognises the work carried out by the volunteer group which has a membership spanning the two counties.

Volunteers provide back-up for local communication networks and they help to maintain links with rural communities when established networks are failing, such as in extreme weather conditions.

A spokesman for the group said: "We are most grateful to Cllr Rowlands and the mayor's fund which awarded us the grant. We have already used the money to purchase additional handsets to further our aim of being able to cover our two counties end to end."

Cllr Rowlands presented the group with the £240 grant at a ceremony on Penarth Pier at which members demonstrated the versatility of their state-of-the-art digital radios to the mayor.



LEFT: The outgoing Vale Mayor, Cllr Leighton Rowlands, presents Cardiff and District RAYNET (CDR) with a £240 cheque from the mayor's fund.

Gladstone Primary pupils spend a day remembering Finn...



ON the last Friday before half term, children at Gladstone Primary school ditched their school uniform for the day and gave a donation to wear their own clothes in order to raise as much money as possible for Finn's Foundation.

Finn McCabe was a much-loved pupil of Gladstone who was diagnosed with DIPG (Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma), a terminal brain tumour, in 2017. Finn tragically passed away last July aged only 12.

His parents have set up a charity - Finn's Foundation - which has been created in Finn's memory to give cash grants to families of children with newly-diagnosed terminal cancer, and 20 per cent of all donations to the charity go directly to DIPG research.

Children and staff threw themselves into fundraising. The Enterprise Council organised a cake and squash sale at break time; Barry Leisure Centre very kindly

donated an exercise bike for the day and the PE Council organised sessions for children to pay and pedal.

The Healthy Schools Council sold watermelon slices and year-4 made delicious heart biscuits which were on sale, along with ice lollies, at the end of the day.

The school was overwhelmed by the response and generosity of the Gladstone families and together they managed to raise a staggering £955!

Finn's parents, Jo and Lee McCabe, said: "We would like to say a huge thank you to all the staff, pupils and parents of Gladstone School who raised an incredible £955 for Finn's Foundation."

"Finn would have been so proud, he loved his time at Gladstone School where he was encouraged to be who he was, to help those who needed him, to give to those who had less and to follow your dreams no matter how big."

For more information about Finn's Foundation and how you can support please visit www.finnsfoundation.co.uk.



'Town's community ethos shines through'

LLLANTWIT Major is fortunate to have lots of independent shops with business owners who are very committed to the town.

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advice. Supporting local shops boosts the local economy because the money stays in the town.

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A visit to Llantwit

can also involve a visit to historical sites, the beach or the magnificent coastline.

One of the great things about the town is its community ethos. We are fortunate to have voluntary organisations such as Llanilltud Fawr in Flower, which works to make the town centre look good throughout the year.

The strength of the local community was demonstrated recently by the way local residents worked to revive the tennis club; there are lots of other thriving sports and community clubs in the town.

Llantwit Major Town Council continues to work very hard to improve local facilities and was awarded £181,000 in grant aid from various organisations in the past year



by Llantwit Major Mayor, Cllr Robert Gant

which enabled a new sports pavilion to be built adjacent to the bowls pavilion and, of course, new state-of-the-art tennis courts have been created.

Dental surgery have plenty to offer clients old and new

WYNDHAM House Dental Practice are springing into the new season, welcoming the lighter nights by brightening teeth with tooth whitening for just £150, a huge saving of £125.

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All of our dentists are busy carrying out dental examinations which include oral cancer screening as routine, while our new dentist Ben Schindehutte is settling in well and is proving very popular with our patients old and new.

Rhys Loxton and Ben are running adult orthodontic consultations, while Simon Stokes has a special interest in endodontic work, and is running late night clinics. We have a new nurse Alice who we welcome from Cardiff;

she has a long history in dental practice and will very soon be finishing her training and is looking forward to widening her experience in the field of orthodontics and implantology with us.

Simon Hill is 'filling' his time placing implants almost everyday and last week placed 10 in one day! He also continues to see cosmetic consultations and his regular private patients.

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Art society

ON Thursday, June 13, there will be a life drawing session at Cowbridge Art Society, directed by Cardiff artist Richard O'Connell and on June 20, the society holds its AGM.

Artists of any level are welcomed, as are non-artists who would like to see demonstrations of various art techniques or to attend illustrated lectures.

The group meets on Thursday evenings at the Old Hall, Cowbridge (7pm-9pm) and occasional visitors and new members are most welcome. For details of the society's programme and activities, collect a programme from the Old Hall, or visit www.facebook.com/cowbridgeart.cas or Instagram#cowbridgeartsociety.



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Ysgol Bro Morgannwg is praised by Estyn inspection team

YSGOL Bro Morgannwg was rated excellent in two of the five areas under assessment – indicating very strong, sustained performance and practice – and good in the other three in its most recent inspection.

It was announced last year that £21.5 million would be spent on refurbishing the school and building an extension as part of the Vale Council's 21st Century Schools Programme.

In the section of wellbeing and attitudes to learning, the report read: 'Most pupils show exceptional pride in their school, and develop as ambitious and confident learners. Nearly all have very positive attitudes towards school life. They take pride in their Welshness and appreciate greatly being part of a close-knit and caring Welsh community.'

There were similar compliments under the heading: care, support and guidance, with inspectors stating: 'An emphasis on nurturing respectful, caring and responsible citizens, and providing care and support of the highest quality, permeates throughout all of the

school's work.'

Headmaster Hywel Price said: "I am delighted with the Estyn report which has correctly highlighted excellence in wellbeing, attitudes to learning, care, support and guidance, and a continuous improvement in performance over the past three years.

"The recommendations of the report also provide clarity with reference to areas of improvement for future years. Pupils, parents, staff and governors can be very proud of such a report, in particular as a newly established 3-19 school."

Cllr Lis Burnett, Vale Council cabinet member for education and regeneration, said: "Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg should be rightly proud of what is a superb inspection report.

"We already knew this school had a bright future, given it will receive significant investment for expansion and to improve facilities. But this inspection report also demonstrates the real talent of pupils and school staff. Well done, you should all be very proud of yourselves."

East Wales women celebrate success with Chwarae Teg

WOMEN from across east Wales celebrated their success at a graduation event on June 4, picking up their Institute of Leadership and Management certificates and hearing from an inspirational former graduate of the programme.



Jodi-Ann Hicks.

Jodi-Ann Hicks, operations manager at Zimmer Biomet, Bridgend undertook the ILM programme last year and spoke to the new graduates about the boost it gave her career. She is now a finalist for the Womenspire 2019 Awards in the Learner category.

At the event, Emma Richards, Women's Programme Lead at Chwarae Teg, said: "This event is a celebration of the women who have participated in the career development

programme. Having skills I have developed, Jodi-Ann here really demonstrates that and she's become a real role model for many."

Jodi-Ann Hicks said: "It's an honour to be able to speak to graduates and share my story. Following completion of the course I became a member of the company's senior leadership team and was promoted to operations manager. I was the youngest and first female to take on the role but thanks to the new

Women interested in joining the programme should visit www.agilenation2.org.uk/for-women for further information and eligibility details. Further details regarding the Womenspire Awards are available at www.chwaraeteg/womenspire.

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 - On site warden
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Porthcawl RFC celebrate successful season



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PORThCAWL RFC crowned another fantastic season in the club's long and proud history, with a special celebration dinner on the field inside a fine marquee, without a seat to spare.

With the club having seen multiple achievements this season including the youth team winning the Ospreys League and the development squad finishing top of the Mid-Glamorgan District League, there was a lot to celebrate.

The highlight of the year had to be the seniors defeating Maesteg Celtic & Skewen, both of whom are in Division One, to win the Central Glamorgan District Cup.

Guest speaker, former Wales and Lions flanker Martyn Williams, gave a rousing and fantastically humorous speech.

Player of the year was the resourceful and versatile Tom Davies, whose performances at scrum-half were regularly something to behold, making him a worthy recipient.

Players' player was Aled Davies, whose rugby vision and try-scoring feats became almost the norm as the season progressed, not forgetting his remarkable try against Skewen in the District Cup final.

Most improved was Mattie Davies who started the season as a flanker in the development squad and ended it

as a prop for the senior team. Mattie also gave an outstanding performance in the cup final.

The following people also picked up awards:

Youth: clubman - Zac Davies; most improved - Iwan Power; players' player - Ben Collins; player of the year - Louis Protheroe. Development Squad: player of the year - Joe Downes; most improved - Jay Owen; coach - Ben Parker; captain - Mike Fraser. Seniors: captain - Dr Richard Hnyda; head coach - Rhys James; assistant coach - Jon Phillips.

Special awards: clubman of the year - Cliff Hopkins; Nicholas Wintle memorial award - Tracey Williams; chairman's award - Dave Thomas. There was also a special achievement award presented to Andrew Richards in recognition of his contribution to mini and junior rugby at Porthcawl RFC during his 15 years at the club and as chairman of the minis and juniors.

Mention was made of the people whose volunteering efforts helped make it all a success, while asking for new additional volunteers to join the ranks and help the club move onwards and upwards.

The event was a resounding success and thoroughly enjoyed by all who came. Thanks to Mark Robinson and Lawray Architects for their sponsorship of the event.

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TOZER
Michael

Peacefully on 8th June a courageous fight, Mike sadly passed away. A devoted husband to Pat, much loved dad of Andrew and a loved father-in-law of Tracey.
He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Mike is resting at The Vale Funeral Service, 181 Court Road, Barry until his service at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry on Friday, 21st June at 11am. Family floral tributes only. Donations, if desired, may be sent to Marie Curie Hospice, Bridgeman Road, Penarth, CF64 3YR in memory of Mike. Family request casual and bright clothing may be worn. Funeral arrangements entrusted to Lyndsay Ellis, telephone 01446 407962.

HISCOCK
John Martin

Peacefully on 4th June after an illness bravely borne, at his home Pentre Howell, Pencoed, John aged 71 years, formerly of Llyswoyney, Cowbridge. Dearly loved husband of Sheila, much loved father, grandfather and Bap.
John will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.

Funeral Monday, 17th June. Service and cremation at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend at 10.30am. Family flowers only, donations in lieu may be made to Parkinson's UK c/o Mel & Ron Watkins Funeral Services, 2, Hilda House, The Square, Pencoed, Bridgend CF35 5NP. Tel: 01656 860545.

O'SULLIVAN

Timothy Christopher MBE
At home on 28 May 2019, aged 92 years, Tim a devoted husband to the late Yvonne and loving dad to Rory, the late Brendan and daughter-in-law Barbara. Proud grandfather and great grandfather.

Resting in the care of W.A. Brown Funeralcare until the service at Our Lady & St Iltyd's Church, Llantwit Major on Friday, 14th June at 2.45pm, afterwards for the interment at Boverton Cemetery.

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In Memory

SADLER
William David

13.06.1931 - 31.12.2018

Happy Birthday Dad, I send you all my love and I miss you so much every day.
Love always, Julie xxx

DUNN
Robert

19.06.1940

No Birthday cards today Darling, only wonderful memories of our life together. I miss you so much, love you forever.
Mags xxx

Acknowledgements

HARTERY
Byron Lindsay

With great sadness Byron passed away on 28th May 2019.

He will be missed by sister-in-law Sandra and all his nieces and nephews, Karen, Matthew, Philip, Chris and great niece Tegan.
God bless.

EVANS
Peter (Pedro)

Sioned, Cerian & Abby would like express our thanks and love to everyone who supported Peter and ourselves over the last few months especially 'the Gang' and close friends.

Thank you for all the kind messages of sympathy, generous donations and to the many people who attended Peter's funeral and made it an emotional but very special celebration of his life.

Sincere thanks to Father Edwin for the beautiful service and his, and everyone at W.A. Brown & Sons Funeral Directors, compassion and guidance.

Our thanks to Llantwit Major RFC for their kind and generous support, especially on the day of the funeral. We would also like to mention the superb care that Peter, and we, as his family, received from NHS staff locally at Western Vale Family Practice, the Haematology Department at Singleton, Swansea and especially everyone on Wards 2 & 6, the Psychiatric Unit and Palliative Care Nurses at the Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend.

In Memory

Father's Day Memory
DUNN
Robert

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Electronic scoreboard unveiled in memory of JB in Cowbridge

THERE was a splendid occasion at Cowbridge Cricket Club during the tea interval of the Gowerton game as vice-presidents, long-serving members and friends gathered at the club for the official opening of the new electronic scoreboard.

Earlier in the year the club had mourned the passing away of JB - John Bevan. He was a life member and long-serving player who had played for the club from 1957 through to 1983 and captained for two years.

He took over 1,000 wickets bowling seam up mainly from the Bear Field end. In his memory, the JB scoreboard was erected and financed by his great friend and playing colleague, Gerald Leeke, and the Bevan family,



The official opening, left to right: Debbie Thomas (nee Bevan), Martyn Bevan, Gerald Leeke, Jeffrey Bird and Hugh Williams.

mainly daughter Debbie and son Martyn.

President Jeff Bird and chairman Hugh Williams welcomed a host of guests and friends to this special occasion. The opening of the scoreboard was followed by the presentation of a memorial bench donated by the Bevan family.

The bench took pride of place on the 'Mound' overlooking the ground that JB loved. This was followed by a delightful and deliciously-prepared tea, and following this the large crowd enjoyed the fortunes of the first XI on the playing field, a fitting result for JB who brought much success to our cricket teams over

Get a great grounding in football with the Vikings!



Some of our under-6s during training.

IT has been a busy season for the Cowbridge-based Vale Vikings Junior Football Club!

Established in 2018 for players of all abilities, the number of under-6 and under-8 boys and girls now enjoying "the beautiful game" has gone from strength to strength.

The under-8s have enjoyed playing in weekly league fixtures at Jenner Park and Colcot Road in Barry, as well as competing in tournaments throughout Cardiff and the Vale. They have also had visits from FAW national squad coaches.

The Vikings strongly believe that football for youngsters is first and foremost about fun! Our coaches are at the core of our club and comprise wonderful mums and dads, who give up their time. With children from many local schools now taking part, we focus on mixing them up and building a wider sense of team within the club.

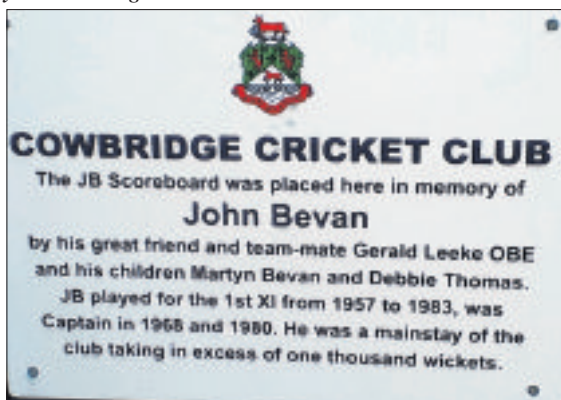
Off the pitch, the Vikings have enjoyed several social events

including a trip for family and friends to watch the Cardiff Devils take on the Belfast Giants at ice hockey, and an opportunity to meet some of the players at the end.

Later in June, we will have our annual Captain's Day event, incorporating a barbecue, awards presentation and fun activities for all the family. As the season draws to a close, we must thank our coaches, sponsors, parents, grandparents and players for their continued loyalty and support.

Looking ahead to the 2019/20 season, we will be running under-6, under-7 and under-9 teams but are quite willing to add new age groups if there is sufficient interest from parents and willingness to assist with coaching. If your son or daughter is interested in playing football and wants to develop new skills, make new friends and have fun, then please get in touch at www.vale.vikingsafc.com.

CJ



The inscription on the scoreboard.

Cadoxton bounce back at Penyrheol after defeat at Romilly

CADOXTON travelled across town to meet Romilly in a Munro Cup match and found the conditions even worse than their own green.

The home team were more used to it, and the result showed with a crushing defeat for the visitors on all rinks. The scores were:

E Heppenstall, D Tuck, W Craven, H Craven 11 - 22 S Simpson, E Fortt, R Jones, S Close; G Solomon, D Sluman, P Ellis, K Chedgoy 15 - 23 D Bannister, J Kirk, A Bannister, A Bryan; E Davies, G Goddard, E Palmer, M Hurley 12 - 26 P James, D Noble, J Day, M Newman; J Stacey, D Jenkins, J Davies I Heppenstall 9 - 24 D Evans, P Edwards, R Hewitson, A Freeman. Score 47-95.

Cadoxton played their first league fixture against Penyrheol at home after a messy beginning to the season with numerous fixtures being cancelled for various reasons. The wait seemed to do them good as they completed a prodigious success.

Howard Craven's rink, as usual, continued with another win which was only blotted with a '5' against, among just five losing ends while amassing 34 shots, which included two '5's and a

'4', for a 23-shot win.

Don Kuhnell also skipped his rink to another 23-shot victory, losing just six singles throughout the game.

Kelvin Chedgoy started with a 6-1 advantage after four ends on his rink, but lost the lead for the only time on the 11th end with a 12-13 score. However, the supremacy was regained on the next end and they never looked back with just three further losing ends.

Mike Hurley skipped a tight game throughout with the winning ends almost level, but a '7' against on the 14th end ensured a win for the visitors.

The scores were:
E Heppenstall, E Davies, W Craven, H Craven 34 - 11 S Croe, W Howells, L Walker, R Howells; A Prince, M Curtis, P Ellis, K Chedgoy 24 - 17 T Hurien, A Lavelle, D Richard, S Thomas; K Davies, E Palmer, J Davies, M Hurley 14 - 22 L Lavelle, P Jones, C Trew, A Steel; J Stacey, S Clarke, I Heppenstall, D Kuhnell 29 - 6 M Morgan, M Symons, A Davies, K Morgan. Score 101-56.

DK

Welsh Deaf Open is hosted by Brynhill

WITH the torrential rain forecast by the weatherman failing to materialise, the golfing conditions at Brynhill Golf Club were almost perfect for the Artillery Cup.

Top pairing was Huw Vaughan and Richie Pierce, their net 62 being just enough to squeeze out Tony Hewlett and Dave Griffiths, who carded the same numbers, only to lose out on a back nine countback.

This week it's back to Stapleford Singles when we battle it out for the Presidents Cup, followed on Monday by the Seniors Championship.

However the main event is on June 15 when the prestigious Welsh Deaf Open is hosted, for the second time, by Brynhill.

Brynhill's current first team captain, Nick Daniels, has been heavily involved in organising this event which sees competitors come from far and wide.

Nick, who's hearing impaired, has been teaching some of the

members how to sign. The tournament has been dominated by the English with the last Welsh winner being Daniel Rees some five years ago, so a Welsh victory is long overdue, with the course in fantastic condition could home advantage and a partisan gallery be enough to inspire a local winner.

Meanwhile, captained by Matt Lundrigan, the Brynhill second team recorded a fine 2-1 home win against Cardiff Golf Club.

The pairing of Lundrigan and Peters handed out a right tanning with superb 5&3 victory, closely followed by a convincing 3&2 for the Williams and Penberthy pairing.

First team captain Nick Daniels partnered Dave Taylor for the evening but

suffered a narrow defeat on the 18th hole.

Next up is a local derby against a strong Wenvoe Golf Club at Brynhill, and a close nervy game is anticipated with the victors securing local bragging rights.

AS

Barry Town to cross Irish sea for qualifier

BARRY Town will tackle Cliftonville in the preliminary round of the 2019-20 UEFA Europa League, after the sides were paired together at Tuesday lunchtime's draw in Nyon, Switzerland.

The first leg will be played at Leckwith Stadium on Thursday, June 27, with the return in Northern Ireland on Thursday, July 4, most likely at the historic Solitude ground north of Belfast's city centre.

The oldest football club in all of Ireland, Cliftonville are soon to celebrate their 140th anniversary and have 32 competitive appearances in Europe under

their belt, including ties with heavyweights Nantes, Stuttgart, Standard Liege, Celtic and Copenhagen.

The Reds booked their place in Tuesday's UEFA Europa League draw by winning the NIFL Premiership play-offs, beating Glentoran 2-0 following a 5-3 extra-time win over Coleraine.

Gavin Chesterfield's Barry squad continue their preparations this Saturday, when they host the Panjab international team at Jenner Park (3pm), before welcoming TNS for another friendly the following Tuesday (7.15pm).

AC

Vale of Glamorgan Bridge Club

THE results for the Vale of Glamorgan Bridge Club for June 10 are as follows:

First Tony Ratcliff and Julian Pottage 66.23 per cent; second Glenda Roberts and Liam Sheridan 64.90, and third Julia Evans and Cherry Cadwallader 60.37.

LE

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Vale Cricket Club round-up

VALE Cricket Club travelled to fourth place Newport looking to extend their lead at the top of the South East Wales Division 3 table.

Vale captain Brendan McCay won the toss and elected to field, trusting his bowlers to spoil the day for Newport early on and kill the game.

De Silva (99) and Hughes (19) opened the batting for the fourth-placed side and faced the formidable partnership of Darren Upham and Joe Hodges.

Newport's first wicket fell to Upham thanks to a well-taken catch by Matthew Williams.

Williams' catch was not to be his only highlight of the day as he removed Newport's number three, slicing through the batsman's

defence. Williams continued to spin his web as he claimed the next wicket as well, courtesy of an Alex Upham catch.

A sharply taken run out by McCay left Newport 169-4. De Silva, however was still at the crease and looking settled but Williams put an end to his innings, taking a superb caught and bowled, preventing the Newport opener from getting his century. Williams ended the innings with figures of 32-4 from his nine over spell.

Newport achieved a very competitive total of 242-6 in their 45 overs.

After the break, Vale went about the chase knowing that victory would see them stay top of the table. Alex Upham was unable to add much to his excellent innings against Sully last week

as he was caught off the bowling of Alex Davies (1-41).

Matthew Thomas (60) and Dean Oram (32) took the total from 11-1 to 100-2, a vital partnership that helped to sway the game Vale's way. Shortly after Matthew Thomas hit his half-century he joined Upham and Oram in the pavilion for a well-made 60.

This left Snelson (56) and McCay (40) at the crease. The experienced pair put together an 81 run partnership for the fourth wicket before McCay was out, caught.

Rowland and Matthew Williams then guided their team to victory in the final over leaving Vale with 246-7.

This week the team will be entertaining Ebbw Vale in what they hope will be a sunny day in Cornstown.

THIS clash between Vale seconds and Christchurch seconds saw the two unbeaten sides in Division 7 go head to head, Vale bowling first.

The ever-reliable Tom Lazarus and youthful Idris Merry took the new ball and made life difficult for the Christchurch batsman as only 11 runs came off the first seven overs.

A 47-run partnership followed before Ritchie

Humphries had Morgan caught behind by Paul Shepherd. This brought Christchurch's main run-getters, captain Joe Thomas and Ethan Lewis, together, and they put together another 47-run partnership before Tom Lazarus held a good catch off Humphries to remove skipper Thomas for a well-made 45.

The introduction of Matthew Gilbert saw him take two wickets, and in between a smart piece of fielding from Humphries saw the dangerous Lewis run out for 36. After a reasonable start, Christchurch's innings was beginning to look below par at 124 - 6.

Gethin Merry chipped in with two wickets with his brother Idris returning the favour by taking a catch for his brother and Vale were applying the brake to the run scoring.

Vale took the ninth Christchurch wicket to ensure they claimed maximum bowling points, Christchurch finishing on 149-9.

Vale's batting response was led by JP Davies and Matthew Gilbert.

Vale started steadily with Gilbert hitting some crisp cover drives with Vale reaching 30-0 off 10 overs. The 50 was passed in the 14th over but not before Christchurch

missed an opportunity to take their first wicket as Gilbert was dropped at point.

Vale continued to progress steadily and were 77-0 at 20 overs. Vale scoring accelerated and Gilbert was the first to pass his 50, his third half century of the season.

With two runs needed, and Davies one short of his 50, Gilbert made sure he was on strike to hit the winning boundary and complete a well deserved half-century, Gilbert finishing 60 no and Davies 53 no.

This was an emphatic statement from Vale, who remain top and unbeaten after six games.

THE third XI were looking for their first league win of the season as they were hosted by Blackwood & Pontllanfraith thirds.

Skipper Paul Gilbert put the home team in to bat, and after five overs, Blackwood & Pontllanfraith were 5-0. The first wicket came in the sixth over, through Gilbert and in the 10th over, things went from bad to worse for the home team with Gilbert claiming another four wickets, three of which came in the space of four balls.

Kenny Thomas took another wicket, with 59-6 being the score from

29 overs, with Harris claiming three wickets in the last two overs of his spell, T Stephenson ending the innings at 78 all out.

Vale steadily saw themselves over the line in the 19th over to claim the side's first league win of the campaign.

PG THIS week saw Vale entertained by Penarth in the midweek T20 competition.

Captain Snelson won the toss and elected to bat and opened with Alex Upham and Harry Withers. Upham got off to a very quick start, hitting six boundaries in his 29 runs.

Fellow opener Withers fell shortly afterwards, leaving Vale with some work to do. Humphreys was run out by midweek captain James Snelson who then set about scoring quick runs with Joe Hodges.

Vale managed a respectable score of 152-5 in their 20 overs.

Special mentions must go to Snelson and Hodges for their batting efforts but also to Alex Upham who claimed two wickets.

Once again the atmosphere of the T20 team was excellent.

HW

Bridge Club members enjoy success in national events

BRIDGEND Bridge Club members have done well in recent national competitions.

Norma and David Newman were part of the winning President's Cup team, Jenny Vaughan was part of the winning team in the Spickett ladies competition.

In the Perry pairs competition, Mike Best was part of the winning team and Tony Disley, Simon Richards, Kevin Maddox and Tony Howarth were second.

The latest results for Bridgend Bridge Club are as follows:

On May 31: First, Liam Sheridan and Glenda Roberts; second, Linda Jenkins and Peter Bugden; third, Marjorie Morris and Bill Turner. The winners on handicap were Liam Sheridan and Glenda Roberts.

On June 5: First, Laura Woodruff and Mike Close; second, David Bowen and David Crompton; third, Emer Disley and Debbie Lea. The winners on handicap were David Bowen and David Crompton.

On June 6: First, Eileen Mahoney and Jeff Barnett; second, Christine and Geoff Tinkler; third, Dilys Bowser and Maggie Ashpole. The winners on handicap were Eileen Mahoney and Jeff Barnett.

The cheese and wine charity night was played on June 7: First, Tony Disley and Jenny Vaughan; second, Simon and Debbie Richards; third, Vida Halford and Glyn Williams. The winners on handicap were Eileen Mahoney and Jeff Barnett.

Regular club nights take place at 7pm on Wednesday and Friday evenings at Nolton Church Hall. On Thursday afternoons at 2pm, there is a gentle bridge session when help is available with the bidding. All sessions are played in a friendly manner, visitors and new members are always welcome. For more information, contact Steve Burgoyne on 01656 661968.

Alan's Ffos Las double

ALAN John, stable jockey to Aberthin's Tim Vaughan, landed a double for his boss at the recent Ffos Las meeting.

West Walian Alan won on 10-1 chance *Chimes Of Dylan* and later in the evening scored on *AllTimeGold*, who was returned the 5-6 favourite.

The former won by two-and-a-quarter lengths from *Broughthons Rhythm* and the latter scored by one-and-a-half lengths from *Sin Sin*.

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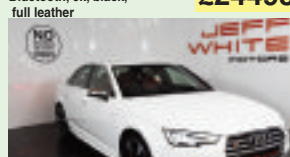
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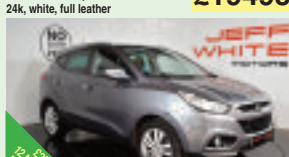
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18 18 BMW 320 D Sport 4dr Automatic, BMW warranty March 2021, sat nav, heated seats, cruise, Bluetooth, 6k, white...£19495
15 15 BMW 418 2.0 D Sport Gran Coupe, sat nav, 19"alloys, white, full leather...£14995
16 66 BMW 420 D M Sport Gran Coupe 5dr, BMW warranty Dec 2019, pro nav, heated seats, 29k, black, full leather...£18995
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Unsettled weather does not deter the St Mary's seniors

HAVING previously secured a four-all tie in the home leg of their annual friendly fixture against the veterans of Green Meadows Golf Club, St Mary's senior section looked forward to achieving a similar, if not better result, at the away leg.

Sadly, this was not to be and the St Mary's team suffered a heavy loss, taking just half a point from the seven available.

Further disappointment awaited the following day when their June Medal competition was called off due to persistent rain. Thirteen of their number did, however, brave the elements to play an individual Stableford competition over a reduced course of just 12 holes.

Doug Mein made a nonsense of the unpleasant conditions with

a splendid score of 31 points, seven better than the par of 24 for 12 holes. Both Stuart Crowhurst and Roy Denton also bettered par with returns of 28 and 26 points respectively to complete the placings.

To round off their week, 20 of their number played a Stableford competition in teams of four with the best three scores of each four ball counting on each hole.

Weather conditions were fine at the outset but, with further rain promised for the early afternoon, the members elected to play just 16 of the 18 holes, giving a nominal par of 96 points for the competition. The winning team of section captain Dave Hughes, Trevor Evans, Phil Hatton and Norman Lloyd romped home with an impressive score of 110 points.

NL

Barrivale Bridge Club latest



Barrivale Champion Pairs were held in May and the winners were Sean MacDougall and Lyn Matthews.

THE results for the Barrivale Bridge Club on June 4 are as follows: First, Peter Millar and Mark Roderick, 63.75 per cent; second, Adrian and Diana Trickey, 58.57; third, Kay Dyer and Dave Thomas, 54.29.

The handicap winners were Hilary Laurence and Vivien Liles.

Barrivale club members Mark Roderick and Mike Best, with their Cardiff team mates, won the Perry Shield WBU Inter-area teams competition on June 1-2.

New members at the

club are always welcomed and a partner may be arranged, if required. If you would like to join, call any of the following numbers: 01446 418380, 01446 733425, 01446 735592 or call in at the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road, Barry at 7pm on Tuesdays.

Inexperienced players, or those new to bridge, play on Fridays at 10am (doors open 9.45am) at the Pioneer Hall for lessons and assisted play and on Thursdays for assisted play from 1.30pm-4pm at the Barry Uniting Church, Heol y Llongau, Barry CF63 4AP.

LH

Cottrell Park seniors remember D Day

Left to right: Roy Goodwin (Standard Bearer), Dave Brown, Gordon Evans, Derek Smith (Manager of Cottrell Park), Aubrey Bowen, George Ash, Steve Cross, Bill Aspinall (British Legion organiser) and Robbie Norris (captain of the Seniors' Society).



ON Wednesday, June 5, Cottrell Park Golf Club seniors' held a charity event on behalf of the British Legion's Poppy Appeal in commemoration of the 75th Anniversary of the 'D' Day Landings.

The event was very well supported by 80 members with all entry fees donated to the British Legion. Members donated generous raffle prizes, ably organised by Annabel Aspinall and Teresa Goodwin. A total of over £800 was raised for this very worthwhile cause.

The individual Stableford competition was held on the Button Gwinnett course, with prizes being awarded for

Left to right: Annabel Aspinall, Steve Cross (competitions secretary), Bill Aspinall and Derek Smith.

the first six positions as well as nearest the pin on all four par-three's and 'longest drive'.

The British Legion donated a gold medal for the overall winner, who we can announce as Bob Jessop. Second prize was awarded to Adrian Harding, third to Eric Fortt, fourth Ray Reakes, fifth Clive Wheeler and sixth Godfrey Lewis.



First patrol for Vale Lifesaving Club



Point-to-point rider Robert passes away

VALE hunt-racing enthusiasts will be saddened to learn of the death of former point-to-point rider Robert Oakes from Cowbridge after a long illness bravely borne.

Robert and his elder brother David were well-known amateur riders in the 1970s, and Robert rode for some of the leading owners and trainers in the Vale.

Hunt-racing official Peter Thomas said: "Robert was a special friend of mine and I have many happy memories of him which I will never forget."

The legendary former national

champion point-to-point rider and Cowbridge farmer John Llewellyn said: "One couldn't ask for a better neighbour than Robert as he was always willing to help me out at a minute's notice."

He added: "Robert was a real character: he started off as a butcher and ended up as a lecturer at Cowbridge Grammar School."

Robert is survived by his widow Tina and two sons Jonny and Nick and his funeral will take place at Coychurch Crematorium on June 19 at 11.30am.

Brian Lee

VALE Surf Lifesaving Club carried out their first voluntary lifeguard patrol at Jackson's Bay, Barry Island on the Spring Bank Holiday Monday at the end of May.

Although there was a strong westerly wind blowing keeping people off the beach at Whitmore Bay, Jackson's Bay remained sheltered and with the sun pushing up the temperature there were up to 80 people enjoying the beach and calm water.

The club has 12 fully qualified beach lifeguards, supported by five assistant lifeguards. Through fundraising and grant donations, the club now has sufficient equipment to patrol the beach.

Club chairman Simon Parker said, "We are hoping to patrol the beach on busy weekends throughout the

summer, working closely with the RNLI Lifeguards at Whitmore Bay and the NCI Coastwatch at Nell's Point."

The club, which is based at Barry Yacht Club, carried out three rescues during 2018 while training at Jackson's Bay. With the increasing popularity of the beach with families, swimmers and stand-up paddleboarders, this prompted the club to start patrolling the beach on a regular basis.

The club welcomes any donations, sponsorship or support and always welcomes new members from age seven and over - enquiries to valeslsc@hotmail.com.

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Bridgend Blue Bulls start their season with a bang!



THIS season the Bridgend Blue Bulls rugby league team are running an under-12, under-14, under-16, under-19 and open age mens team.

All have had a successful pre-season with training on Tuesday and Thursdays from 6.30pm for the under-12, under-14 and under-16s, and Wednesday for under-19s and open age men's team at Pyle RFC from 7pm.

Anyone wishing to start or return to playing are more than welcome.

The season started with a bang and the newly-assembled under-12 team (pictured) were in action against Aber Valley Wolves, which resulted in a narrow loss.

The second game saw the team head to Sardin Road to take on the mighty Rhondda Outlaws, this time earning a hard-fought victory.

Impressive rugby skills were on display from both sides in what was an exceptional result for the newly-established team.

CB

Comprehensive victory for Porthcawl Cricket Club firsts

PORHCWL bounced back to winning ways following last week's reverse at table-toppers Morriston, with a comprehensive 87 run victory over Llanelli at Locks Lane.

It is now three wins in four matches for Nick Morgan's side, a run that has lifted the Seasideers to fourth spot in Division Three of the South Wales Cricket Association.

Asked to bat first by the Stradey Park skipper, Morgan and Mark Dixon gave the hosts a steady start with 41 on the board before Morgan departed for 16.

Star batsmen Rob Jones soon followed after

a rare failure but Dixon recovered the panache of previous seasons as he glued the innings together as a clatter of wickets saw the middle order capitulate, the hosts in strife at 102-6.

Dixon's excellent effort came to an end when he was caught off the bowling of youngster Owen Baxter for 56. Six fours highlighted Dixon's half-century and ended a rare barren spell for Porthcawl's junior coach.

The innings could have buckled completely but three batsmen rose to the challenge to take the Seasideers to a healthy 179-8 after the allocated 50 overs.

Veteran and former skipper Mark Lewis was

at the heart of the recovery but found a willing ally in Tim Richards, who is having a fine season and continued his fine all-round form with 20, including three boundaries.

14-year-old Spencer Morgan, son of skipper Nick, joined Lewis with the score on 140-8 and the pair added 39 unbeaten runs in a superb display of sensible batting.

Lewis ended 27 not out to again emphasise his mature approach in the middle order. Morgan finished unbeaten on 22, his career best for the first team, both batsmen finding the ropes three times.

Owen Baxter was the most successful Llanelli bowler with 3-47 from 10 overs while Aled Gilley's 10 frugal overs yielded 2-18. There was also a wicket apiece for Daniel Lewis, Joshua Williams and Osian Evans.

Porthcawl's opening bowlers Mark Bevan and Chris Holden ripped through the visitors' early batting as the visitors slumped to 15-4, then 18-5, and were only saved from total capitulation by Llanelli captain Rhys Westcott who hit a rapid 32, with a six and four fours.

Support came from Daniel Lewis and Sam Woller who added 16 and 14, but, from a recovery to 72-6, young Spencer Morgan weaved his leg spin magic to add to his growing reputation.

Llanelli were bowled out for 92. Morgan's spinners brought him the

rich reward of 3-14 from 3.5 overs while Mark Bevan's remarkable accurate opening spell of eight overs, five of which were maidens, earned him the sensational figures of 3-7.

Holden's seven overs yielded 2-25 and Rob Jones took 1-10 from six overs while Steffan Flood secured a superb run out to add to his catch.

Porthcawl 179-8, Llanelli 92 all out.

Worryingly, Porthcawl seconds could only field eight players for the visit to Ammanford, emphasising the need for reinforcements at Locks Lane, but the depleted side put up a remarkably resilient performance before losing out by seven wickets.

Skipper Marc Thompson was full of praise for his troops: "I cannot tell you how proud I am of the lads. They were outstanding and I was proud to skipper them," he said.

Following the early loss of Billy Frost and a slump to 35-3, former first team skipper and international Steve Richmond knuckled down to lead the revival, helped by young Isaac Cronje.

Richmond's brave innings ended with his score on 31, with four boundaries the high points. Cronje was joined by veteran Paul Mason, who captained the side for 12 years before standing down this season.

Mason's appetite has not diminished, however, and, after Cronje was dismissed for an excellent

career-best 39, including four boundaries, Mason exploded into action with a remarkable hard-hitting innings of 51 not out.

He cleared the boundary three times and also cracked five fours in a stunning display that enabled the visitors to total a healthy 165-6 after their 40 overs.

Llyr Morgan impressed with 2-32 and the other wickets were shared one each by Sam Potter, Iestyn Jones, Eirian Morgan and Oliver Pallot.

It was always going to be a hard task to try to contain the hosts, with three fielders short, but Porthcawl bowled and fielded valiantly and it took the home side 36.2 overs to reach their target.

They were led by a stubborn undefeated 67 from opener and captain Guto Llyweyn, which contained seven fours, and fellow opener Adam Lyons stroked three boundaries in his 37. Eirian Morgan chipped in with 20.

Blair Driscoll stemmed the flow of runs with 2-34 from eight overs and Kevin Rees took 1-13 on his welcome return to the club.

Although Marc Thompson, Isaac Cronje and Steve Richmond were wicketless, they all bowled miserly eight over spells to take the game virtually down to the wire.

Ammanford thirds 166-3, Porthcawl seconds 165-6.

John Edwards

Pat and Terry take the McAllister Salver



Pat Haworth and Terry Dolan with Sue McAllister.

PORHCWL Bridge Club has held its annual event for the McAllister Salver – competed for in memory of the late Don McAllister, one of Porthcawl's foremost international players during the 1960s.

We were honoured that his daughter, Sue McAllister, was here to present the trophy to the winners Pat Haworth and Terry Dolan.

Saturday, May 25: McAllister Salver – First, Pat Haworth and Terry Dolan; second, Dave and Norma Newman.

Thursday, May 30: First, Tony Haworth and Keith Davison; second,

Rob Charlesworth and John Beard.

Saturday, June 1: First, Betty Longley and Roger Plant; second, Dave Lea and Bill Turner.

Thursday, May 6: First, Roger Draper and Rory Gibbon; second, Terry Dolan and Roger Plant.

The club meets twice a week at the Awel-y-Mor centre on Thursdays – 6.45pm to 9.45pm; and on Saturdays – 3.15pm to 6.15pm. Visitors are welcome at any time.

To contact the club, call secretary – Trish on 01656 785794.

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Free taster sessions for rugby youngsters

FOLLOWING a high demand from parents of three-five-year-olds contacting Bridgend Athletic RFC, starting on Sunday June 30 and every Sunday through July between 11am-12 noon on Newbridge Fields, qualified coaches from the mini and junior section will be running free taster sessions.

They will be mixed sessions for boys and

girls of all abilities. In September sessions will change to a weekday at 6pm although which day is yet to be decided. The season will run from September, stop through December and January then continue in February to the end of April.

All our volunteers are DBS checked and all our coaches are WRU level 1 qualified. Parents are welcome to get involved with coaching and volunteering, and for more information please contact athdean@yahoo.com.

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